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BATMAN!"*



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BRAND
SALVE!

HURRY!
AN' GET
DE-PRES-
SURIZED!

JUMPIN'
JUPITER!
YOU'RE SURE
SIZZLING TH'
OL' ROCKET
TODAY, TED!

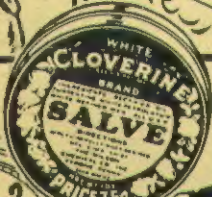
I'VE EARNED A SWELL RADIO
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GIANT WINGS
FLAP IN THE AIR! AN
ENORMOUS BAT SLIDES
THROUGH THE SKIES! BUT
IS IT A BAT? NO! WONDER
OF WONDERS, IT'S **BATMAN**--
SUDDENLY GIFTED WITH **REAL**
WINGS, AND EMBARKED ON THE
MOST INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE OF
HIS CAREER! IMPOSSIBLE--
UNBELIEVABLE, YOU SAY? WELL--
THIS IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED--
WHEN **BATMAN** DARED THE
MYSTERIES OF THE LOST
VALLEY OF THE BIRD MEN AND
BECAME--

The **FLYING BATMAN**

LOOK! IT'S
BATMAN! HE'S
GOT **REAL**
WINGS! HE'S
FLYING!

GOSH!
BATMAN HAS
TURNED INTO
A **BAT!**

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ONE AFTERNOON, AS YOUNG DICK GRAYSON RETURNS FROM SCHOOL, TO THE HOME OF HIS GUARDIAN, MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE...

AND HOW DID SCHOOL GO TODAY, DICK?

OKAY. BUT PRETTY QUIET. I'D MUCH RATHER WE HAD SOME ACTION AS **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

MOMENTS LATER, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE, AS THE TWO DESCEND A SECRET STAIRCASE AND ENTER THE FAMED BAT-CAVE AS **BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!**

THE **BAT-SIGNAL** HASN'T FLASHED-- AND THE POLICE RADIO IS QUIET...

THAT MEANS WE'LL MAKE OUR USUAL PATROL OF THE CITY--JUST IN CASE SOME CRIME IS STIRRING...

ELECTRIC EYE MONITOR FOR BAT-SIGNAL

AND, A FEW HOURS LATER...

HE'S **BATMAN!** THAT BIG MAN! HE WAS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY AND WHEN HE SPOTTED US, HE STARTED TO RUN!

HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! LET'S CLOSE IN!

(COUGH!) GAS! HE'S DROPPED A BOMB TO DIVERT US!

AN OLD DODGE! QUICKLY--GET THE NOSE FILTERS OUT OF YOUR UTILITY BELT! GAS WON'T STOP US!

AND THEN, JUST WHEN THE LAWMEN ARE ABOUT TO DIVE AT THEIR FOE, THEY RECEIVE THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES!

ARE WE SEEING THINGS?
ARE WE GROGGY FROM THAT GAS?

IT CAN'T BE, BUT IT IS! HE'S DISCARDED HIS CAPE AND HAS WINGS! HE'S FLYING-- LIKE A BIRD!



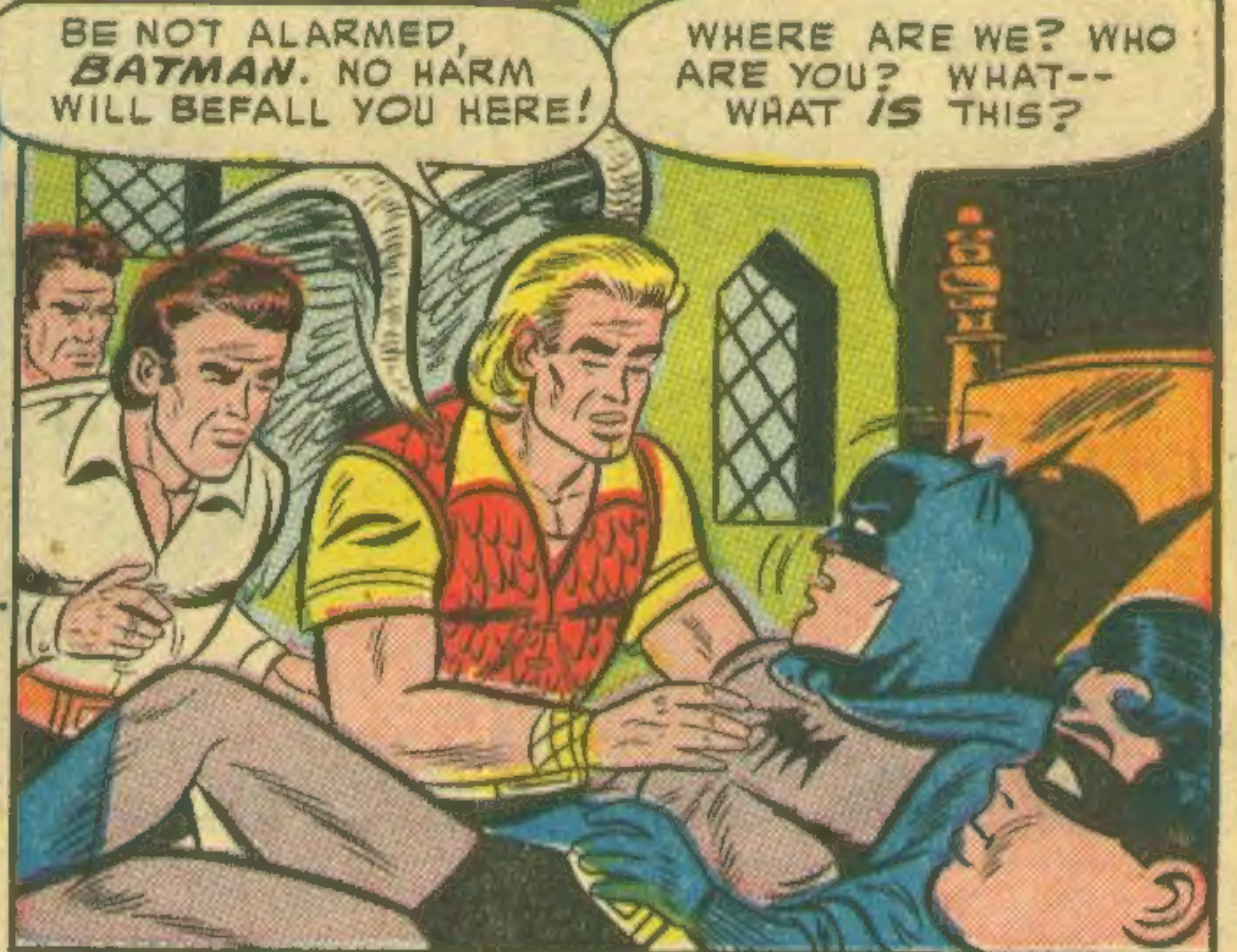
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BUT EVEN THE GREAT BATMAN CANNOT SHAKE OFF THE POWERFUL DRUG COURSE THROUGH HIS VEINS, AND SOON AFTER...



THE LAWYERS SLEEP-- A DEEP, LONG SLEEP-- AS TIME AND SPACE RUSH BY THEM. AND WHEN THEY FINALLY AWAKE...



WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE, BATMAN. SUFFICE IT TO SAY YOU ARE ON ANOTHER CONTINENT-- A LONG WAY FROM HOME...

MORE PRECISELY, BATMAN, YOU ARE IN A VALLEY LOST FOR AGES FROM CIVILIZATION. THERE IT IS-- THE LOST VALLEY OF THE BIRD-MEN!



AS TO WHY YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE, PERHAPS I SHOULD START AT THE BEGINNING AND EXPLAIN THE HISTORY OF OUR STRANGE VALLEY...

YES, SANDAGO! TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY! QUICKLY!





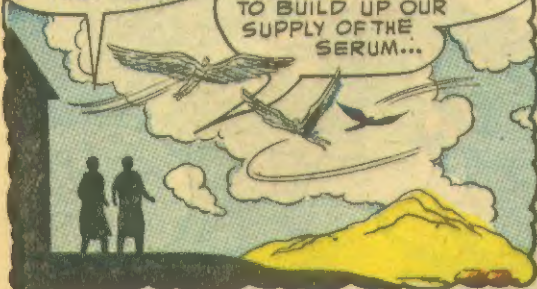
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(SANDAGO'S STORY): "LONG AGO, OUR FOREFATHERS DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF GRAFTING WINGS ON MAN WHICH ENABLED HIM TO FLY LIKE A BIRD..."

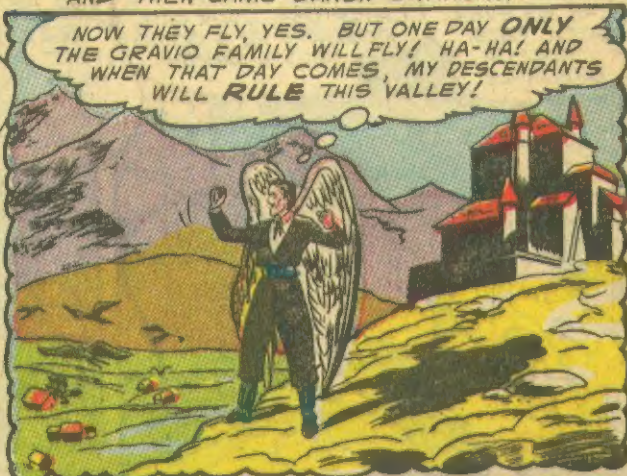
YOUR OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL, DOCTOR! SEE HOW GRACEFULLY THEY FLY!

YES, BUT THE OPERATION REQUIRES VAST QUANTITIES OF **SERUM ALPHA**. WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO BUILD UP OUR SUPPLY OF THE SERUM...



"FOR YEARS WE KNEW PEACE, ALTHOUGH LOST FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, WE PROSPERED. AND THEN CAME BARON GRAVIO..."

NOW THEY FLY, YES, BUT ONE DAY ONLY THE GRAVIO FAMILY WILL FLY! HA-HA! AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, MY DESCENDANTS WILL RULE THIS VALLEY!



"RUTHLESSLY, BARON GRAVIO SET OUT TO CORNER THE SUPPLY OF **SERUM ALPHA**-- AND TO CONTROL ITS MANUFACTURE. THREE GENERATIONS LATER, HIS DESCENDANTS HAD SUCCEEDED..."

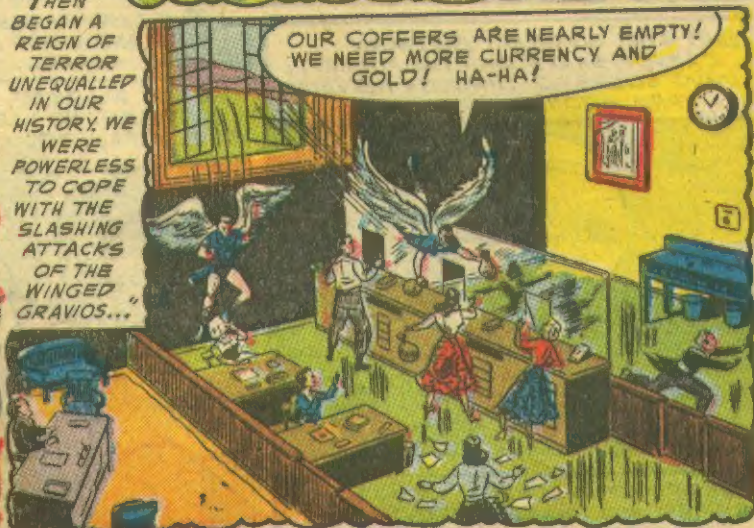
"THEN BEGAN A REIGN OF TERROR UNEQUALLED IN OUR HISTORY. WE WERE POWERLESS TO COPE WITH THE SLASHING ATTACKS OF THE WINGED GRAVIOS..."

BUT MY DEAR COUNT GRAVIO-- YOU MUST RELEASE THE SERUM TO OUR PEOPLE! I AM THE LAST OF THE BIRD-MEN--EXCEPT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAVIO CLAN! WE HAVE BECOME EXTINCT!

WHICH IS AS IT SHOULD BE, YOU OLD FOOL! NOW GET OUT!



OUR COFFERS ARE NEARLY EMPTY! WE NEED MORE CURRENCY AND GOLD! HA-HA!



THAT BRINGS US TO THE PRESENT, **BATMAN**. WE DESPERATELY NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BRING THE GRAVIOS TO JUSTICE. EVEN IN THIS REMOTE PART OF THE WORLD, WE HEARD OF YOU. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE!

BUT-- WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO?



I AM A GRAVIO, **BATMAN**--THE ONE MEMBER OF THE CLAN TO DESERT IN HORROR OF THEIR CRIMINAL WAYS! I SMUGGLED OUT **SERUM ALPHA**-- ENOUGH FOR ONE OPERATION! WE PROPOSE TO GIVE YOU WINGS, **BATMAN**-- SO THAT YOU MAY FLY AGAINST THE GRAVIOS!





BATMAN



SOON AFTER...

THE OPERATION, WHILE DELICATE, IS NOT SERIOUS, **BATMAN**. AND LATER, THE WINGS CAN BE REMOVED WITHOUT LEAVING A SINGLE TELL-TALE SCAR!

HMM. I CAN SEE BY YOUR GRAVE FACES THAT EVEN IF I REFUSED, YOU'D FORCE ME INTO THE OPERATION. ALL RIGHT-- LET'S GET ON WITH IT!

THAT NIGHT, BEHIND A HEAVY VEIL OF SECRECY, TWO SKILLED SURGEONS BEND TO THEIR TASK. FINALLY...

HAVE NO FEARS, SANDAGO! ALL WENT WELL. IN A FEW HOURS, THIS **BATMAN** WILL BE ABLE TO FLY LIKE A BAT!

YES! WE WERE CAREFUL TO GIVE HIM THE WINGS OF HIS NAMESAKE!



MOMENTS LATER...

AND AS DAWN COMES UP OVER THE LOST VALLEY...

THERE HE IS-- **BATMAN**, WITH **REAL WINGS**! HE'S GOING TO TAKE OFF!

YES! HE MUST PRACTICE A LITTLE, TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO HIS WINGS! BUT I DARESAY **BATMAN** WILL LEARN VERY QUICKLY!

HE FLIES! SEE HOW EASILY HE FLIES!

BRAVO! THERE'S A SIGHT TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THE GRAVIOS!

AND WHEN **BATMAN** HAS FINISHED HIS TEST-FLIGHT...

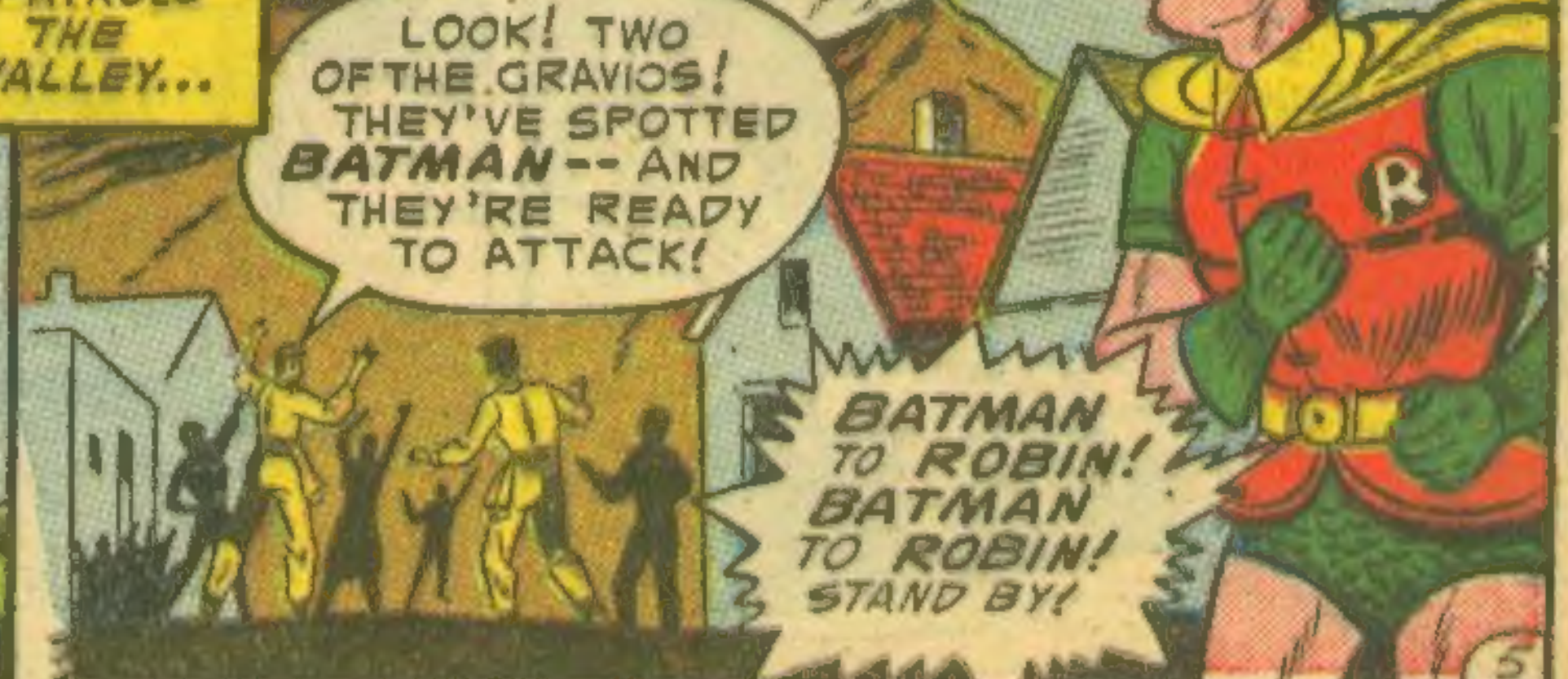
GOSH, **BATMAN**-- THAT WAS TERRIFIC! BUT IT SURE MAKES ME FEEL HELPLESS! I WISH I HAD WINGS!

NONSENSE! ON THIS ASSIGNMENT I'M GOING TO NEED **CLOSE GROUND SUPPORT**! NOW LISTEN-- WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME...

LATE THAT AFTERNOON, AS **BATMAN** PATROLS THE VALLEY...

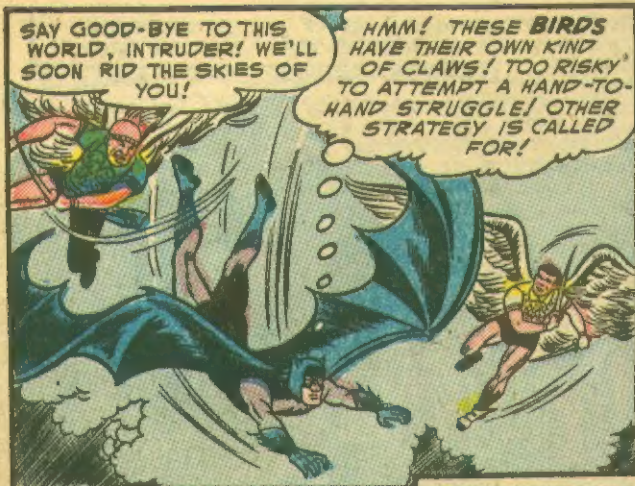
LOOK! TWO OF THE GRAVIOS! THEY'VE SPOTTED **BATMAN**-- AND THEY'RE READY TO ATTACK!

BATMAN TO ROBIN! BATMAN TO ROBIN! STAND BY!





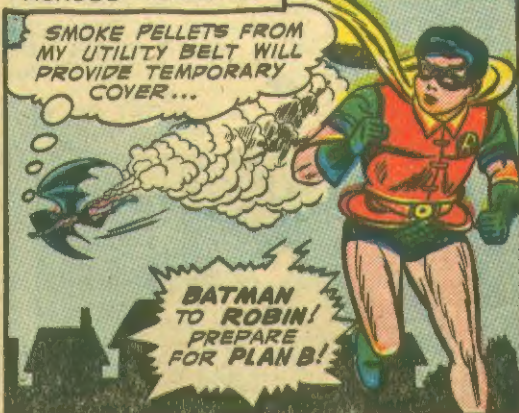
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SAY GOOD-BYE TO THIS WORLD, INTRUDER! WE'LL SOON RID THE SKIES OF YOU!

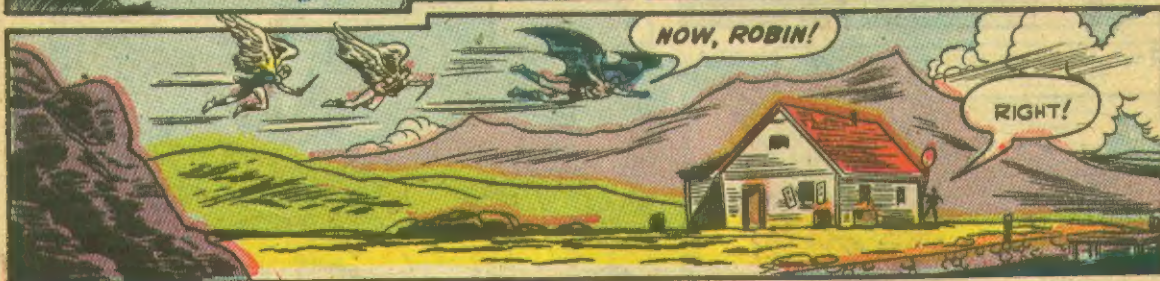
HMM! THESE BIRDS HAVE THEIR OWN KIND OF CLAWS! TOO RISKY TO ATTEMPT A HAND-TO-HAND STRUGGLE! OTHER STRATEGY IS CALLED FOR!

AND AS THE BIZARRE BATTLERS STREAK ACROSS THE SKY...



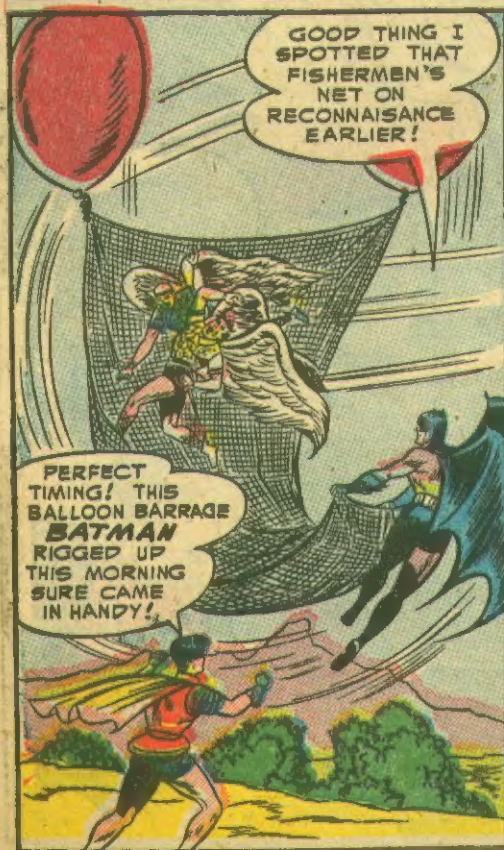
SMOKE PELLETS FROM MY UTILITY BELT WILL PROVIDE TEMPORARY COVER...

BATMAN TO ROBIN! PREPARE FOR PLAN B!



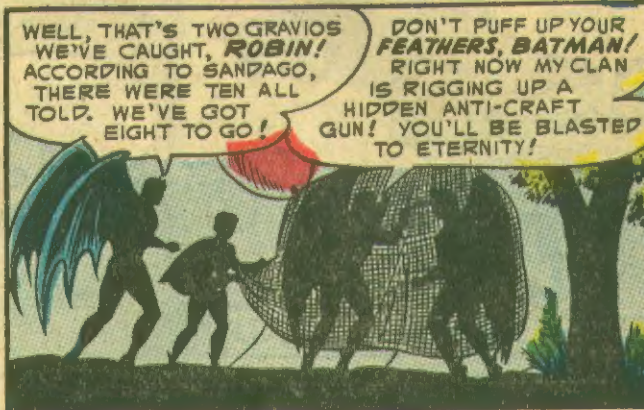
NOW, ROBIN!

RIGHT!



GOOD THING I SPOTTED THAT FISHERMEN'S NET ON RECONNAISSANCE EARLIER!

PERFECT TIMING! THIS BALLOON BARRAGE BATMAN RIGGED UP THIS MORNING SURE CAME IN HANDY!



WELL, THAT'S TWO GRAVIOUS WE'VE CAUGHT, ROBIN! ACCORDING TO SANDAGO, THERE WERE TEN ALL TOLD. WE'VE GOT EIGHT TO GO!

DON'T PUFF UP YOUR FEATHERS, BATMAN! RIGHT NOW MY CLAN IS RIGGING UP A HIDDEN ANTI-CRAFT GUN! YOU'LL BE BLASTED TO ETERNITY!



LATER...

THAT GUN WORRIES ME, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

AND HOW! YOU'D BE A SITTING DUCK UP IN THE SKY AGAINST A HIGH-POWERED GUN LIKE THAT!



BATMAN



NEXT DAY...



AHH! HOW SECURE ONE FEELS WITH THE GREAT **BATMAN** PATROLLING THE SKIES OVERHEAD!

IT WAS A MASTER-STROKE BRINGING HIM HERE, SANDAGO! ELSE WE ALL SHOULD HAVE BECOME SLAVES!

SUDDENLY...

LOOK! THOSE WHITE PUFFS OF SMOKE! THERE'S AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT CANNON TRAINED ON **BATMAN**!

THE SCOUNDRELS! ONLY A GRAVIO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT!



THEY'VE **KILLED** HIM! HE'S PLUMMETING TO EARTH!

POOR **BATMAN**! IT IS WE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SITE OF THE HIDDEN CANNON...

EXCELLENT, RICO! YOU'VE BLANKETED HIM WITH HITS! HE'S A **DEAD BAT** NOW!

THIS SHOULD MAKE COUNT GRAVIO VERY HAPPY! AND US VERY RICH!



ALL AT ONCE...

BUT IT CAN'T BE YOU! WE JUST **SHOT YOU DOWN!**

THANKS FOR SHOOTING! THE GUNFIRE ENABLED ME TO LOCATE THE GUN! AND NOW WE'VE CLIPPED THE WINGS OF TWO MORE GRAVIOS!



MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE VALLEY IN A HIDDEN GLEN...

BATMAN RADIOED THAT HE SILENCED THE GUN! NOW I CAN PULL DOWN THIS KITE MADE TO LOOK LIKE **BATMAN**! THE RUSE WORKED!





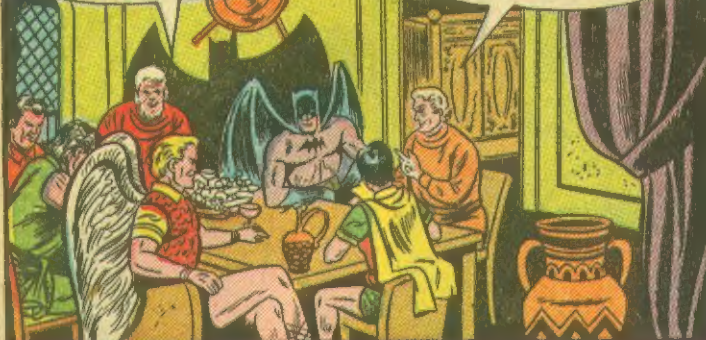
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THAT EVENING...

TONIGHT IS AN EVIL NIGHT, **BATMAN**-- THE ANNIVERSARY OF BARON GRAVIO'S DEATH. TONIGHT THE CLAN WILL BE OUT IN FORCE, RAINING TERROR ON US ALL!

IT'S A YEARLY RITUAL. FIRST THEY GATHER IN THE CASTLE FOR A SUMPTUOUS BANQUET-- THEN, NEAR MIDNIGHT, THEY STRIKE!



ROBIN, THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET THEM ALL TOGETHER! WE WON'T WAIT FOR THE GRAVIO'S -- **WE'LL** ATTACK FIRST!

GOOD-- LET'S GET GOING!



MINUTES LATER, AS THE SKIES ABOVE THE LOST VALLEY PRESENT A SIGHT NEVER SEEN BEFORE-- A FLYING **BATMAN** WITH **ROBIN** AS A PASSENGER!

THERE'S THE GRAVIO CASTLE, **ROBIN**! NOW LET'S CAPITALIZE ON A SURPRISE ATTACK!

LET'S HOPE THEY'RE FULL OF FOOD AND WINE-- THEN THEY'LL BE EASY TO ROUND UP!



BUT THEN, A MISHAP! AS THE LAWMEN ALIGHT ON THE CASTLE ROOF, AN OVER-EAGER **ROBIN** SLIPS WITH A CRASH, ALERTING THE CASTLE!

IT'S OKAY, **ROBIN**-- I'VE GOT YOU!

YEAH! BUT ON ACCOUNT OF ME, THEY'VE GOT **US**!

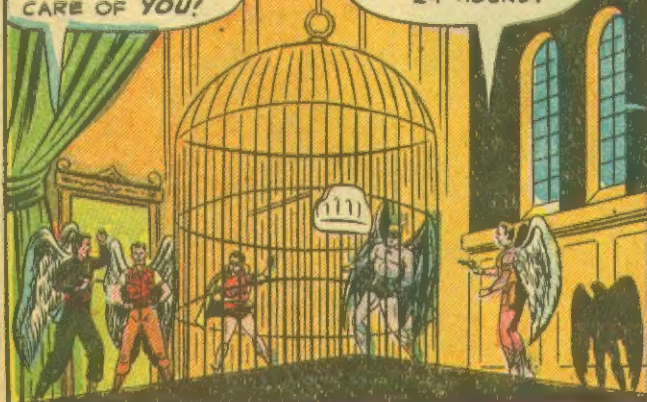
AHH-- LOOK WHO'S JOINED OUR PARTY! I'VE JUST THE SPOT FOR **BATMAN**!



AND SOON AFTER...

NOTHING LIKE A **BIRD CAGE** TO HOLD A TAME BIRD! HA-HA! YOU'LL KEEP IN THERE, **BATMAN**! WE'LL HAVE OUR SPORT IN THE VILLAGE, AND THEN RETURN TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!

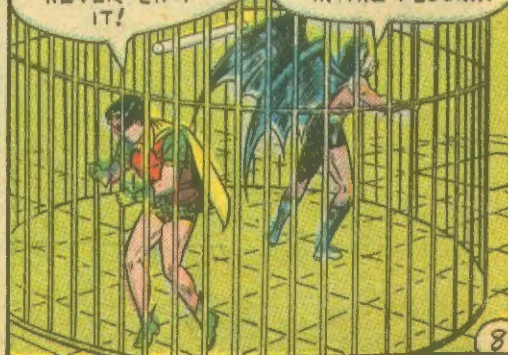
I'VE TAKEN HIS **UTILITY BELT**-- AND GIVEN HIM THE DRUG THAT PARALYZES THE WINGS FOR 24 HOURS!



LATER, WHEN THE GRAVIO'S LEAVE...

IT'S NO USE! (GRUNT) IT'S MUCH TOO HEAVY -- WE'LL NEVER LIFT IT!

IF WE ONLY COULD GET TO THAT TRAP DOOR IN THE FLOOR...

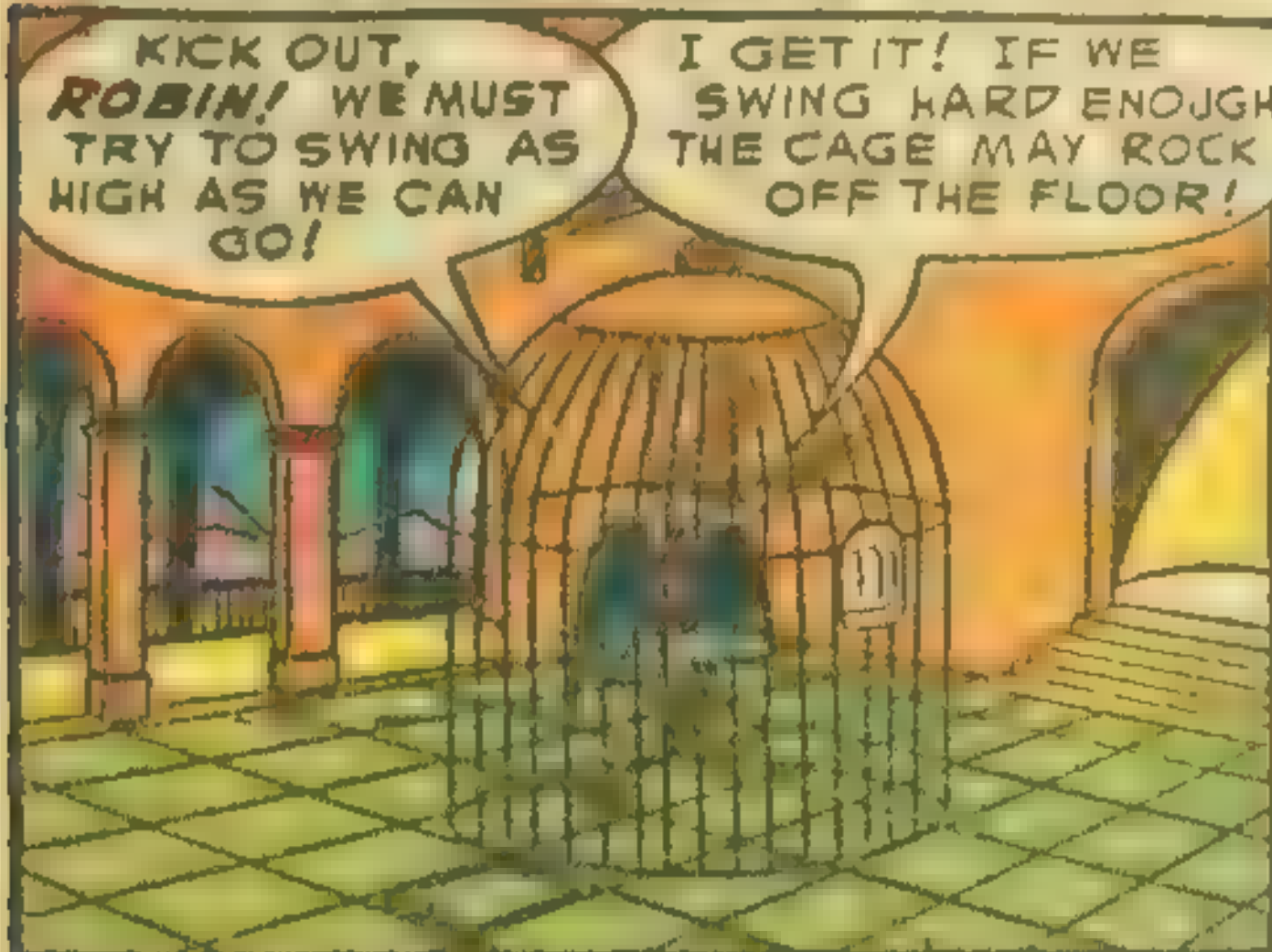




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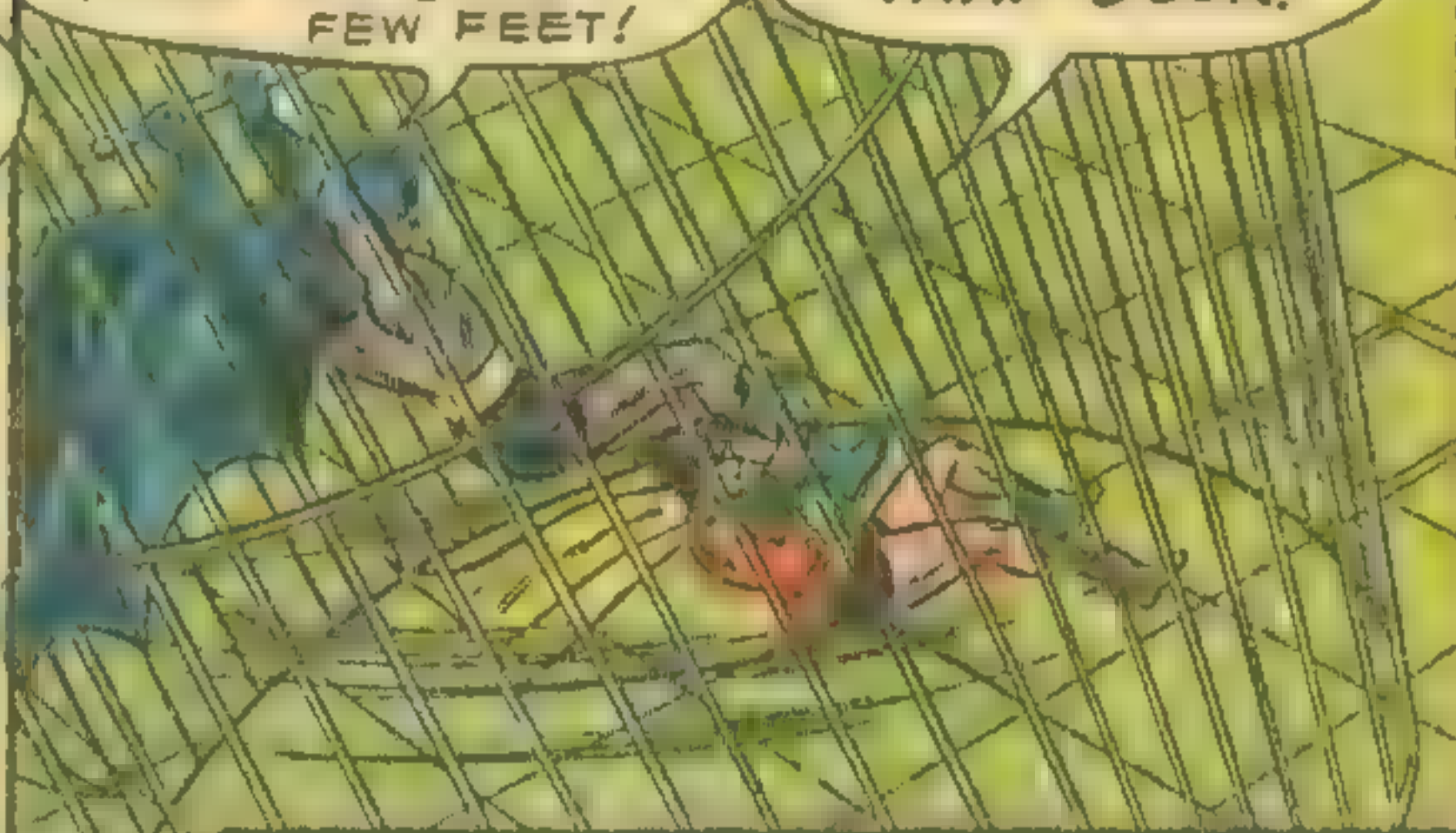


THEN AN IDEA COMES TO **BATMAN!** QUICKLY ASCENDING TO THE CAGE SWING, HE ORDERS **ROBIN** TO FOLLOW...



WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TIP IT-- BUT EACH ROCK MOVES THE CAGE A FEW FEET!

RIGHT! AND IN THE DIRECTION OF THAT **TRAP-DOOR!**



SOON AFTER...

THE **GRAVIO** SHOULD HAVE REALIZED WE'D GET INTO THE **SWING** OF THINGS SOONER OR LATER!

WE MADE IT!



INSTANTLY, THE **LAWMEN** ESCAPE THROUGH THE **TRAP DOOR!** MOMENTS LATER, ON A **RAMPART** OF THE **CASTLE**...

WE'VE RECOVERED OUR UTILITY BELTS--BUT WHAT NOW? IT'LL TAKE **HOURS** TO WALK TO THE **VILLAGE!** THEY PARALYZED YOUR **WINGS**--YOU **CAN'T FLY!**

HMM--I WONDER! THERE'S A **STIFF BREEZE** BLOWING--AND WE'RE **HIGH** ENOUGH! **ROBIN--** WE'RE GOING TO **FIX** THESE **LIMP WINGS!**

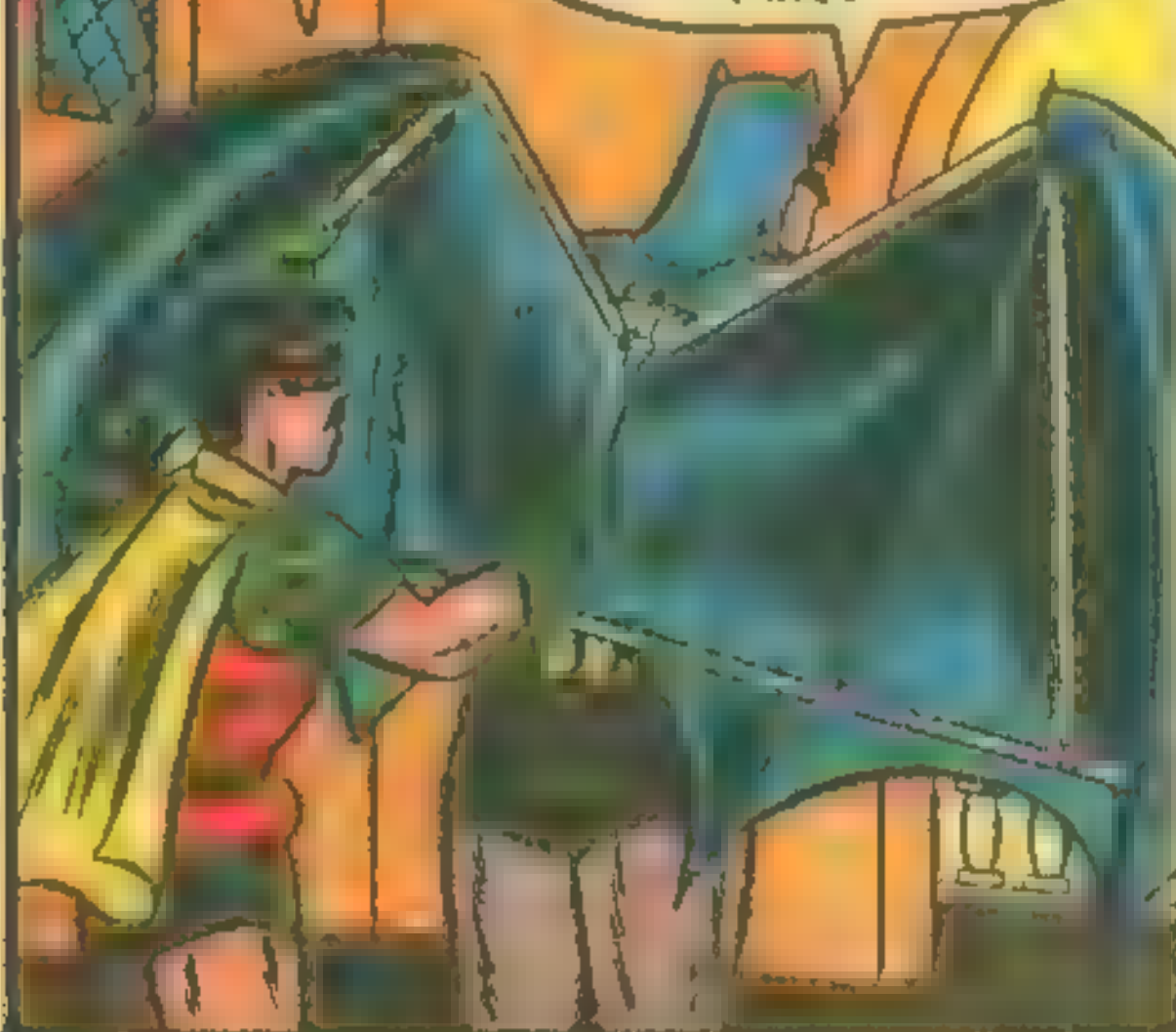


PERCHING ON THE HIGHEST PART OF THE **CASTLE**, **BATMAN** KICKS OFF WITH **LEGS OF STEEL**. AND AS **ROBIN** WATCHES...

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

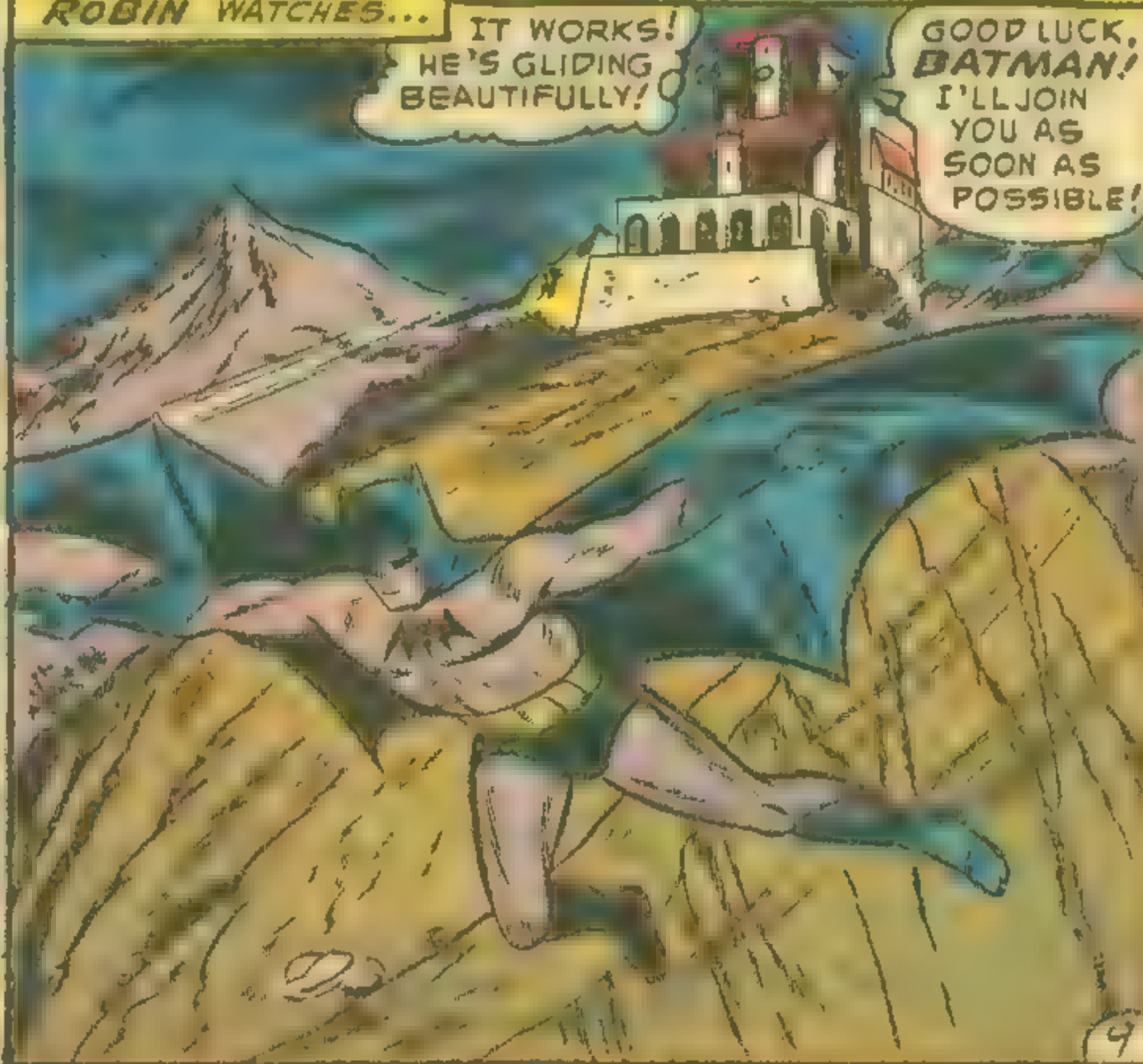
THAT DOES IT! A **RIBBED FRAME-WORK**--JUST LIKE **AIRPLANE WINGS!** AND YOUR **BELT** IS **BACK ON!**

GOOD! NOW I'LL DO WHAT ANY **TIRED BIRD** DOES--I'LL **GLIDE**, SEEKING OUT THE **VALLEY'S THERMALS**--THE **UPDRAUGHTS** OF **AIR!**



IT WORKS! HE'S **GLIDING** BEAUTIFULLY!

GOOD LUCK, **BATMAN!** I'LL JOIN YOU AS **SOON** AS **POSSIBLE!**





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SOME MINUTES LATER...

THERE THEY ARE--ALL OF THEM--CELEBRATING IN THAT SIDEWALK CAFE! NOW TO TURN MYSELF INTO A DIVE-BOMBER--WITH GAS PELLETS FROM MY UTILITY BELT!

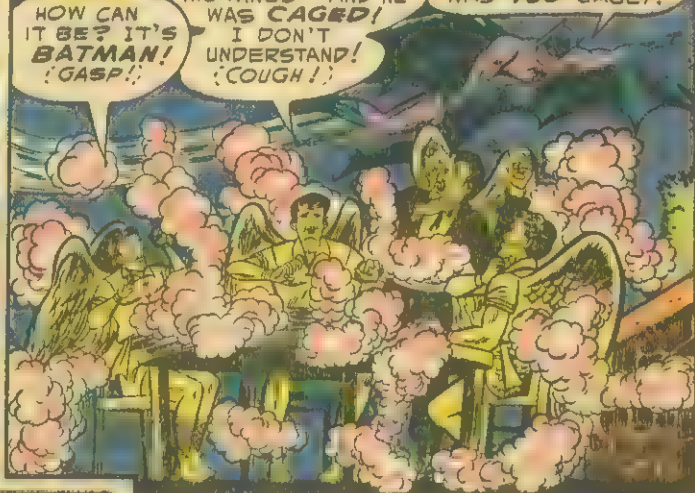


THEN...

HOW CAN IT BE? IT'S BATMAN! 'GASP!'

BUT WE DEADENED HIS WINGS-- AND HE WAS CAGED! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! 'COUGH!'

LET'S JUST SAY I WAS TOO CAGEY!



STUNNED BY BATMAN'S HARMLESS BUT TEMPORARILY-PARALYZING GAS, THE GRAVIO ARE QUICKLY ROUNDED UP! LATER...

YOU WERE SUPERB, BATMAN! YOU HAVE OUR ETERNAL THANKS! WE LIVE AGAIN AS FREE MEN!

AND NOW WE WILL FULFILL OUR AGREEMENT--TO RETURN YOU SAFELY HOME, YOUR WINGS BUT A MEMORY! COME-- WE HAVE THE ANESTHESIA READY FOR BOTH OF YOU! WHEN YOU WAKE UP, THE ADVENTURE WILL BE OVER!



THE WORLD SPINS CRAZILY FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO! TIME SEEMS ENDLESS--AND AS THEY SUDDENLY DROP OUT OF A BLACK VOID...

WE'RE BACK, BATMAN--OR WERE WE EVER AWAY? THERE'S NO TRACE AT ALL OF WINGS ON YOU--NOT EVEN A THREAD MISSING FROM YOUR UNIFORM! COULD IT ALL HAVE BEEN A DREAM?

I WONDER, ROBIN-- I WONDER...?



THE END

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EGAD!! ONE MUST BE DETECTIVE FOSDICK--SO THE OTHER MUST BE SHUDDER--ANYFACE THE WORLD'S TACKIEST CRIMINAL!!

I'M FOS-DICK

AHA!! I'VE GOT YOU THERE!! HOW CAN YOU BE FOSDICK, WHEN I AM? AND, ON THE SALARY THEY PAY ME--HARDLY ONE FOSDICK CAN LIVE!!

YOU ARE NOT FOSLUCK FOSLUCK!! TURN IN YOUR BADGE!!

TURN IN YOUR HEAD, ANYFACE!! I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT ME BECAUSE I USE WILDROOT CREAM OIL TO KEEP MY HAIR NEAT-- BUT YOURS IS A MESS!!

IF I'D THOUGHT OF WILDROOT CREAM OIL I'D HAVE AVOIDED ARREST!!

YOU COULD'VE AVOIDED LOOSE DANDRUFF, TOO!! SAME GOES FOR YOU, CHIEF, GET WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE!

THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL MY NAME IS IRVING!



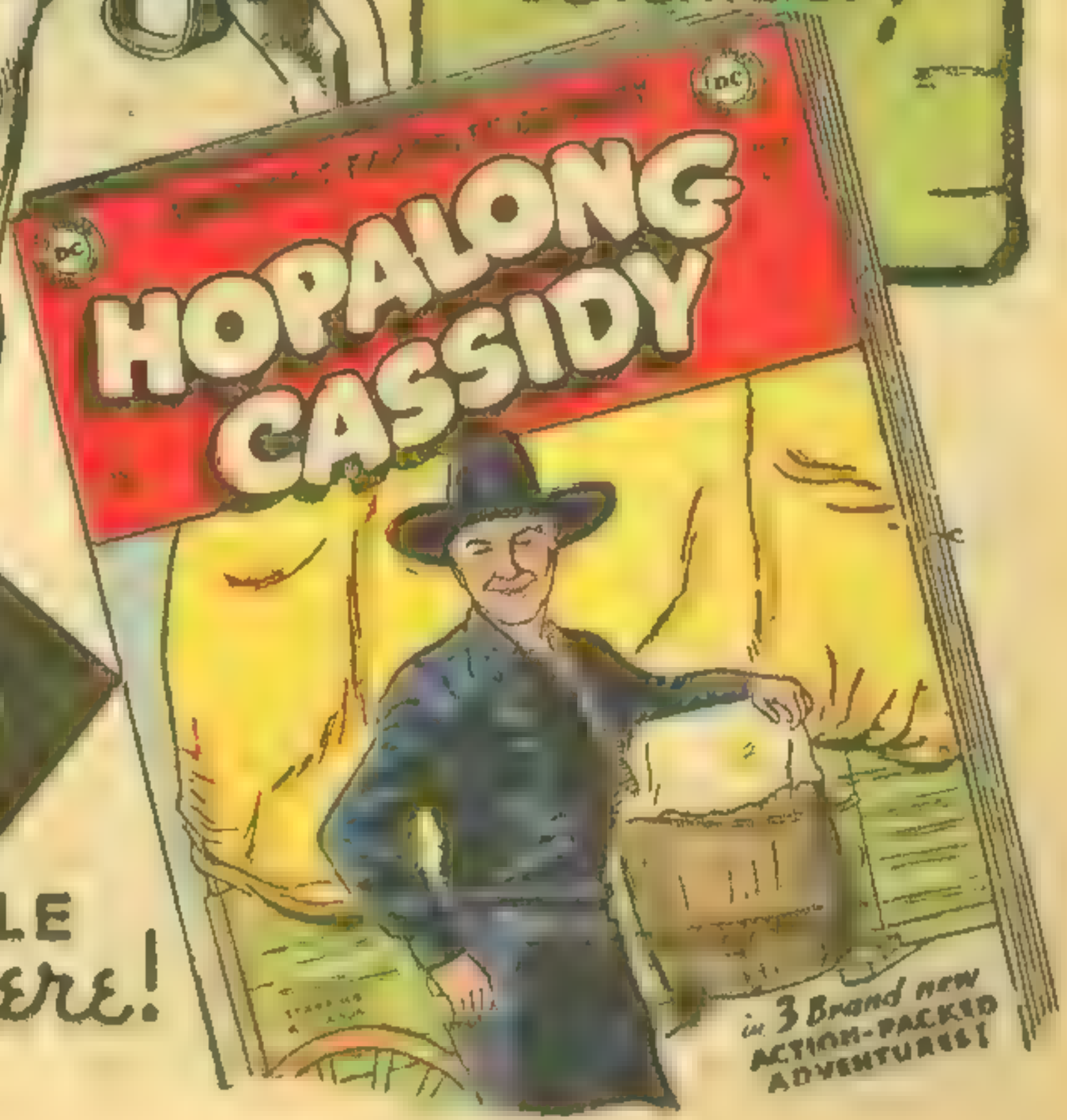
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BATMAN



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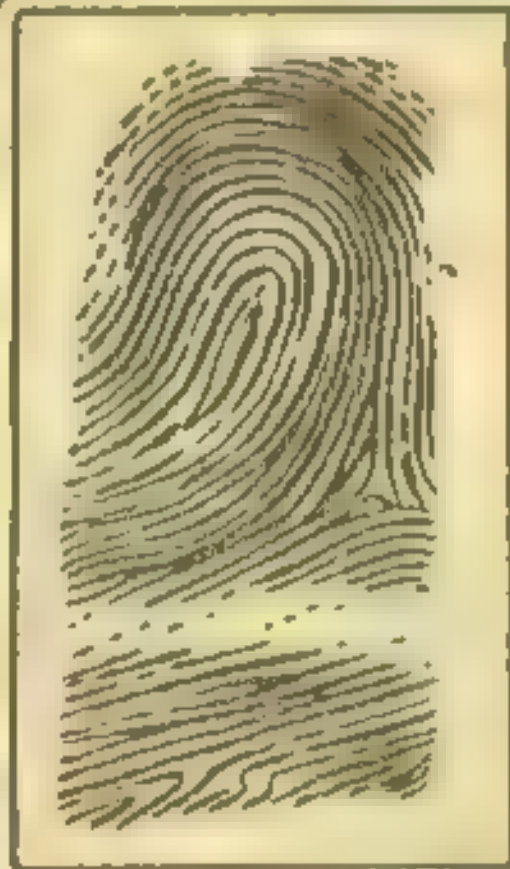
With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

TO DISGUISE THEIR IDENTITIES, WANTED CRIMINALS CAN CHANGE THEIR NAMES, OPERATE ON THEIR FACES! BUT THERE'S ONE THING THEY CAN NEVER CHANGE-- THEIR FINGERPRINTS! HOWEVER, NOW APPEARS AN INGENIOUS UNDER-WORLD CHARACTER WHO HAS MASTERED THIS AMAZING SECRET. AND THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF OUR LAW DETECTION SYSTEM ARE IN DANGER OF CRUMBLING UNLESS BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER CAN STOP...

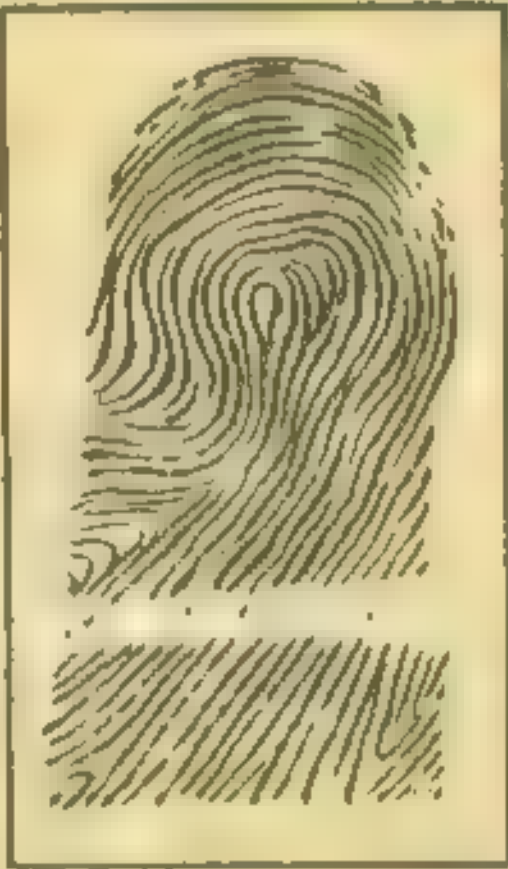
*The MAN WHO
COULD CHANGE
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BUT FARNUM'S
NEWEST PRINTS ARE
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HIS OLD ONES!
THEY'VE BEEN
CHANGED!

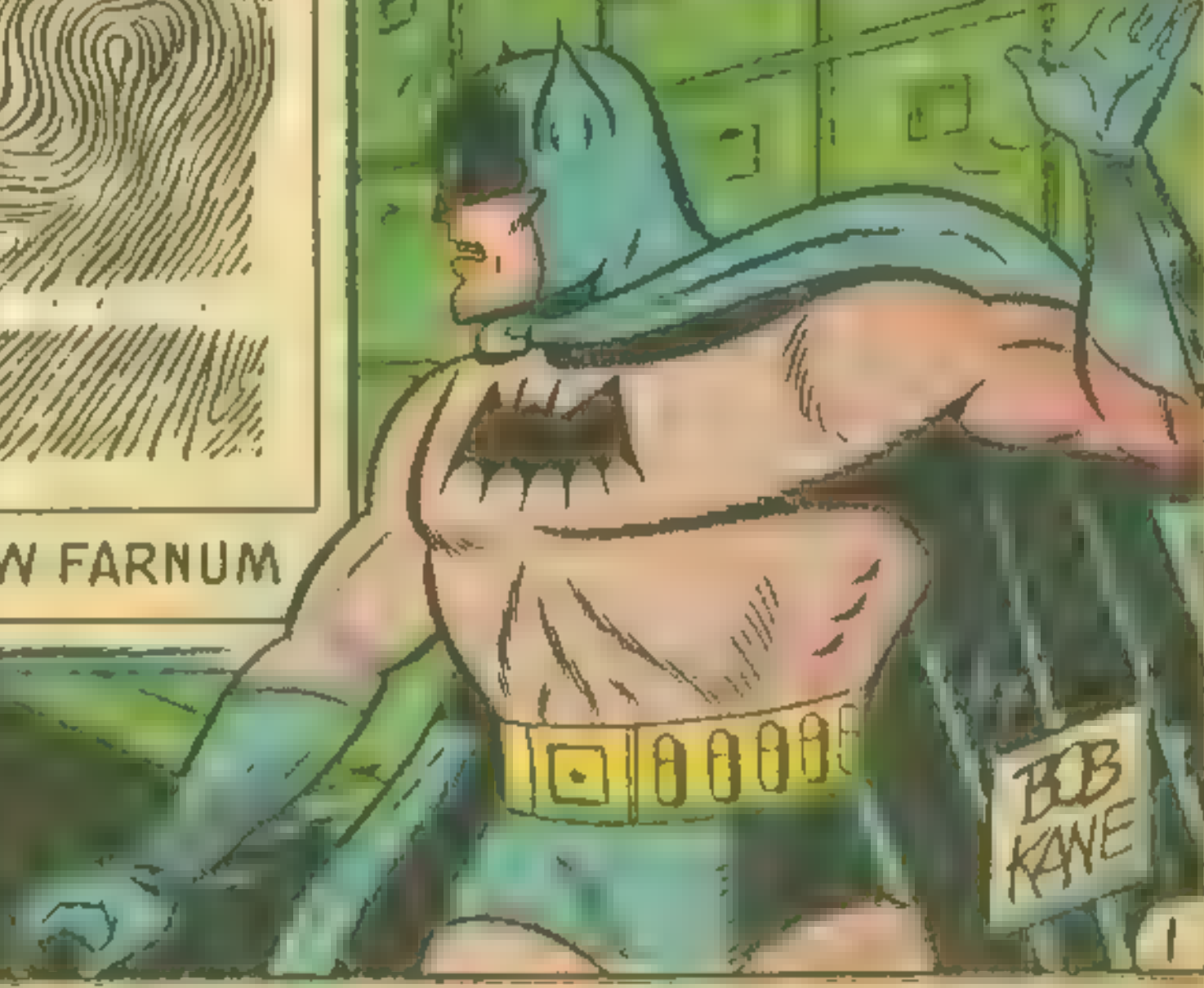
IF THIS IS
TRUE, IT DESTROYS
THE NATION'S ENTIRE
SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL
IDENTIFICATION!
THESE FILES,
WHICH HAVE TAKEN
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ASSEMBLE, ARE
USELESS!



LEW FARNUM



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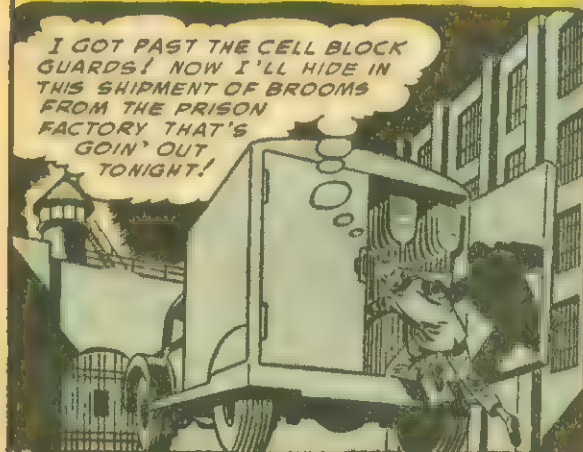
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SOME HOURS AFTER THE NIGHT'S "LOCK-UP" AT THE STATE PRISON NEAR GOTHAM CITY...

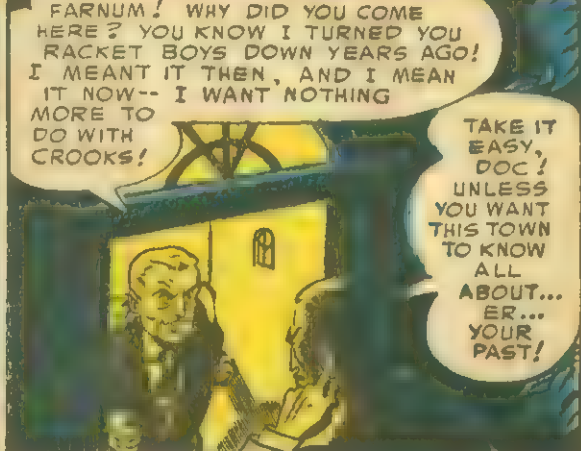


I GOT PAST THE CELL BLOCK GUARDS! NOW I'LL HIDE IN THIS SHIPMENT OF BROOMS FROM THE PRISON FACTORY THAT'S GOIN' OUT TONIGHT!

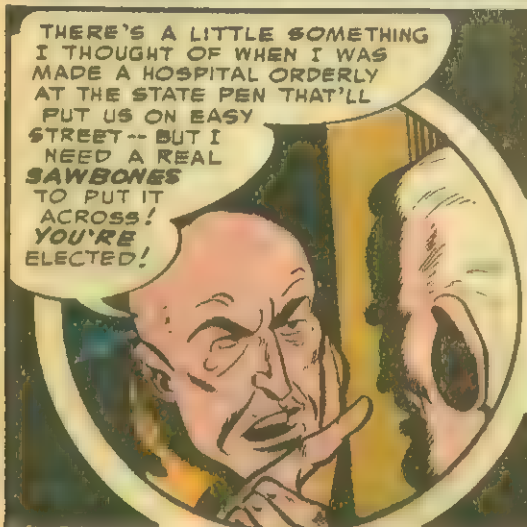
PRESENTLY, IN A SUBURB OF GOTHAM...

FARNUM! WHY DID YOU COME HERE? YOU KNOW I TURNED YOU RACKET BOYS DOWN YEARS AGO! I MEANT IT THEN, AND I MEAN IT NOW-- I WANT NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH CROOKS!

TAKE IT EASY, DOC! UNLESS YOU WANT THIS TOWN TO KNOW ALL ABOUT... ER... YOUR PAST!



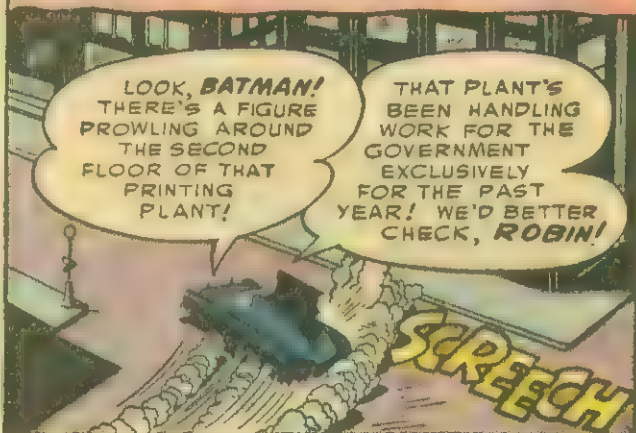
THERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING I THOUGHT OF WHEN I WAS MADE A HOSPITAL ORDERLY AT THE STATE PEN THAT'LL PUT US ON EASY STREET-- BUT I NEED A REAL SAWBONES TO PUT IT ACROSS! YOU'RE ELECTED!



NEXT NIGHT, AS THE SLEEPING CITY IS PATROLLED BY THE EVER-ALERT BATMAN AND ROBIN IN THEIR POWERFUL BATMOBILE...

LOOK, BATMAN! THERE'S A FIGURE PROWLING AROUND THE SECOND FLOOR OF THAT PRINTING PLANT!

THAT PLANT'S BEEN HANDLING WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PAST YEAR! WE'D BETTER CHECK, ROBIN!



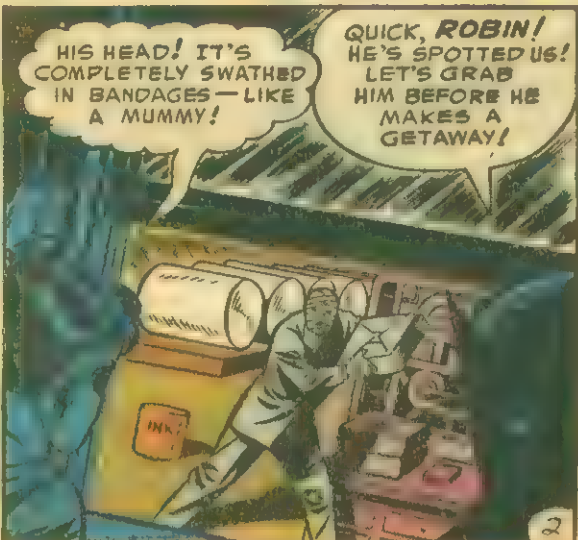
SNAKE-LIKE, TWIN STRANDS OF SILK HISS THROUGH THE NIGHT AIR AND...

ROBIN! THE FIGURE WE SPOTTED-- I CAN SEE NOW! IT... IT'S AMAZING!



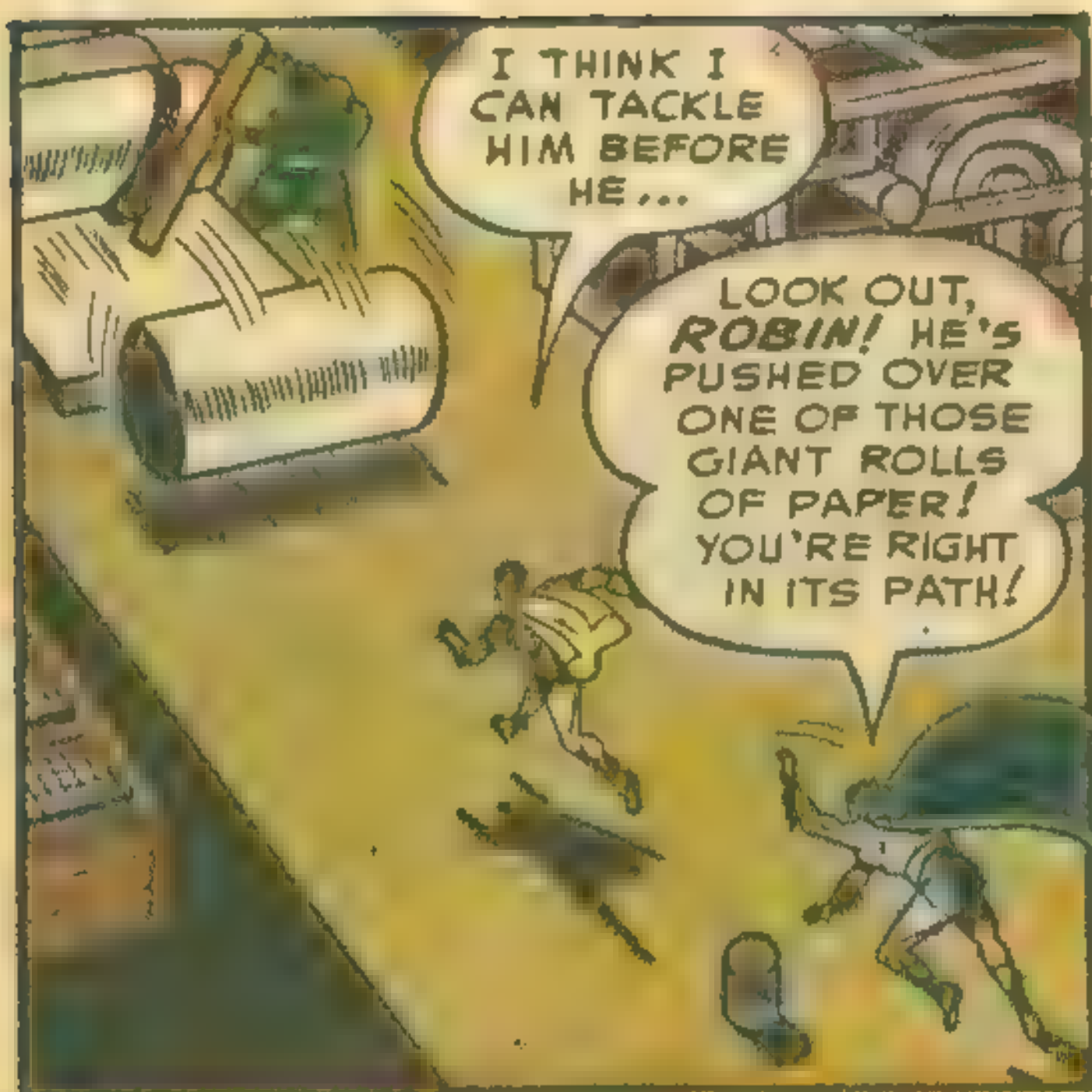
HIS HEAD! IT'S COMPLETELY SWATHED IN BANDAGES-- LIKE A MUMMY!

QUICK, ROBIN! HE'S SPOTTED US! LET'S GRAB HIM BEFORE HE MAKES A GETAWAY!





BATMAN



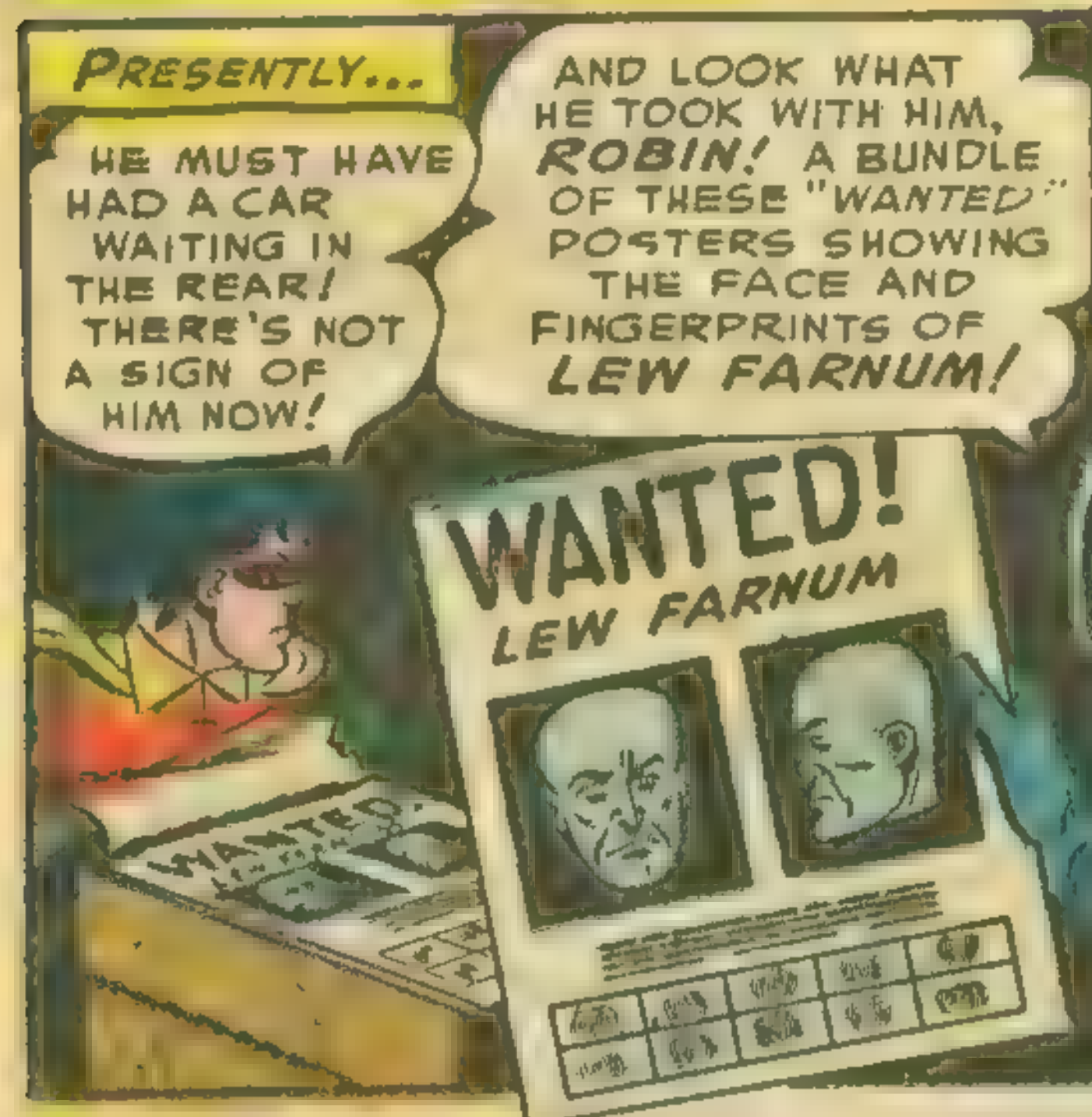
I THINK I CAN TACKLE HIM BEFORE HE...

LOOK OUT, **ROBIN!** HE'S PUSHED OVER ONE OF THOSE GIANT ROLLS OF PAPER! YOU'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!



NICE BOWLING, **BATMAN!** YOU HURLED THAT CAN OF PRINTER'S INK JUST IN TIME TO STOP A TON OF PAPER FROM ROLLING ON ME! BUT I'M AFRAID OUR BANDAGED FRIEND GOT AWAY!

WHUMP!



PRESENTLY...

HE MUST HAVE HAD A CAR WAITING IN THE REAR! THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF HIM NOW!

AND LOOK WHAT HE TOOK WITH HIM, **ROBIN!** A BUNDLE OF THESE "WANTED" POSTERS SHOWING THE FACE AND FINGERPRINTS OF **LEW FARNUM!**

WANTED!
LEW FARNUM



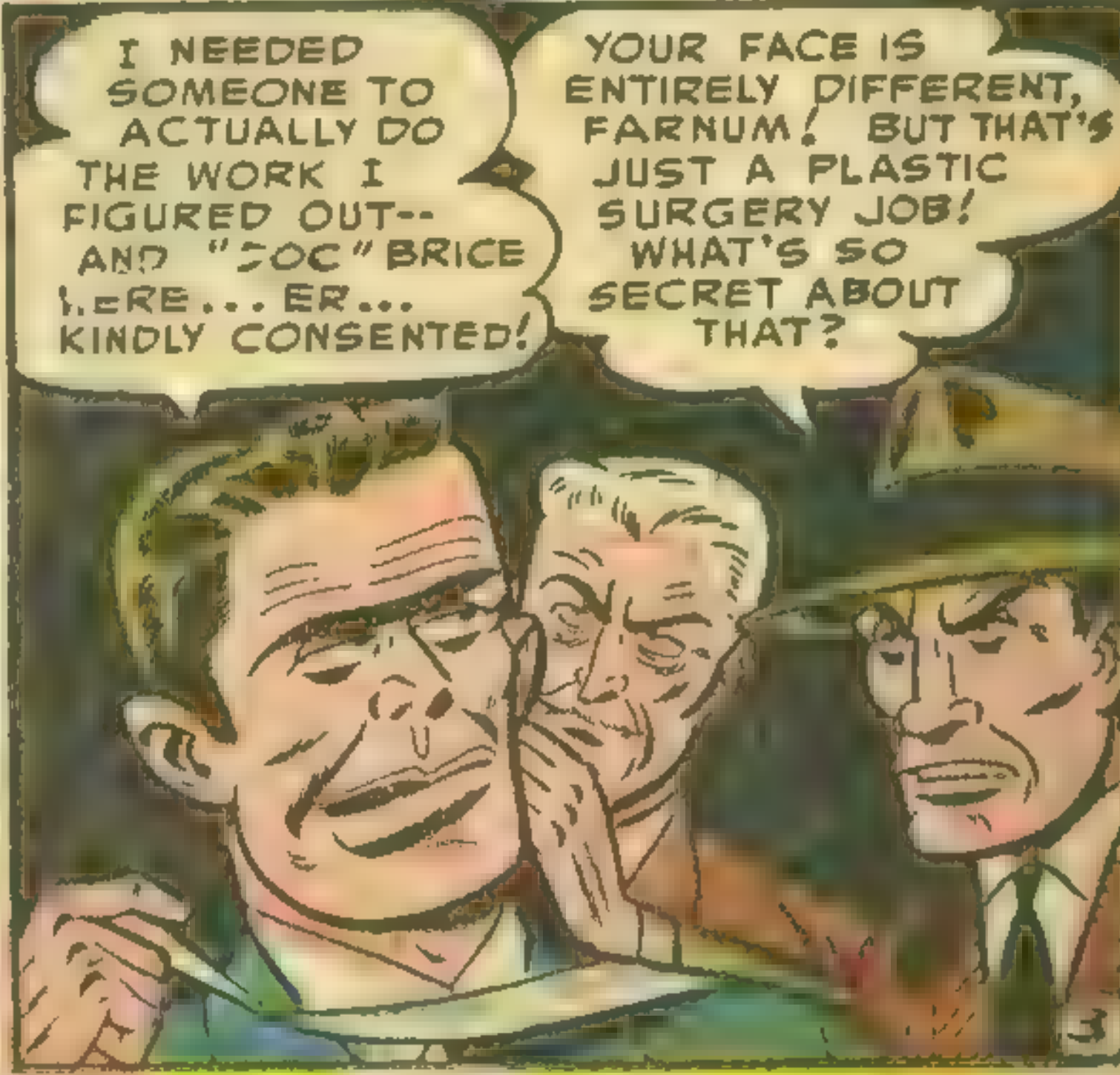
THAT'S THE CONVICT WHO BROKE PRISON LAST NIGHT! BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE BREAK IN HERE JUST TO STEAL A BUNDLE OF "WANTED" POSTERS? AND WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE HIS ENTIRE HEAD WAS COVERED WITH BANDAGES?



LATER, IN THE REAR OF A PACKING PLANT NEAR THE GOTHAM WATERFRONT...

WE READ IN THE PAPERS THAT YOU BROKE JAIL, **FARNUM!** BUT HOW COME YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

I WORKED YEARS AS AN ORDERLY IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL! BUT I ALSO WORKED ON SOMETHIN' OF MY OWN, SECRETLY! NOW SEE THE RESULTS!

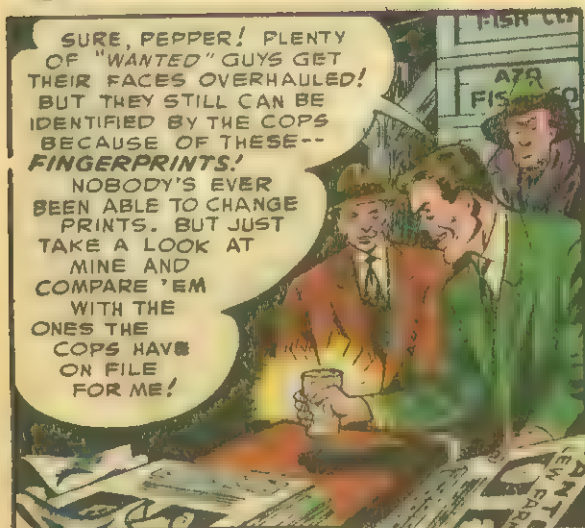


I NEEDED SOMEONE TO ACTUALLY DO THE WORK I FIGURED OUT-- AND "DOC" BRICE HERE... ER... KINDLY CONSENTED!

YOUR FACE IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, **FARNUM!** BUT THAT'S JUST A PLASTIC SURGERY JOB! WHAT'S SO SECRET ABOUT THAT?

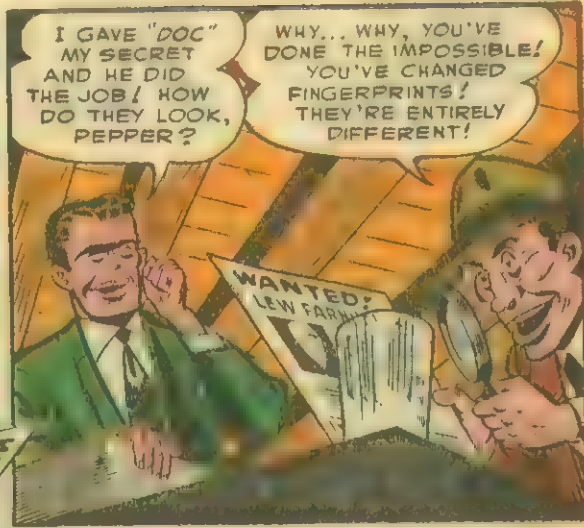


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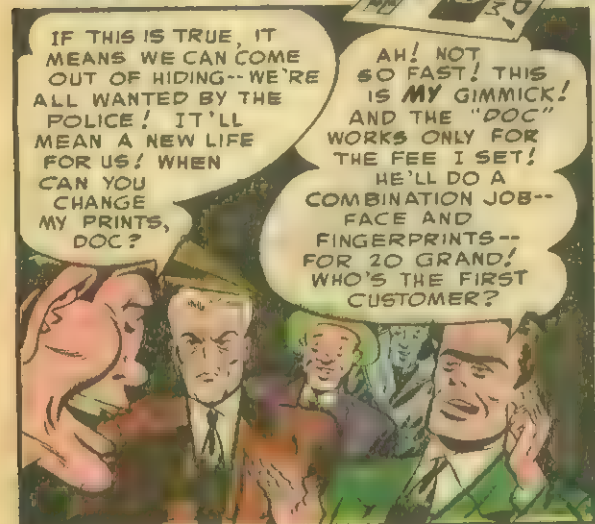
SURE, PEPPER! PLENTY OF "WANTED" GUYS GET THEIR FACES OVERHAULED! BUT THEY STILL CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE COPS BECAUSE OF THESE-- FINGERPRINTS!

NOBODY'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE PRINTS. BUT JUST TAKE A LOOK AT MINE AND COMPARE 'EM WITH THE ONES THE COPS HAVE ON FILE FOR ME!



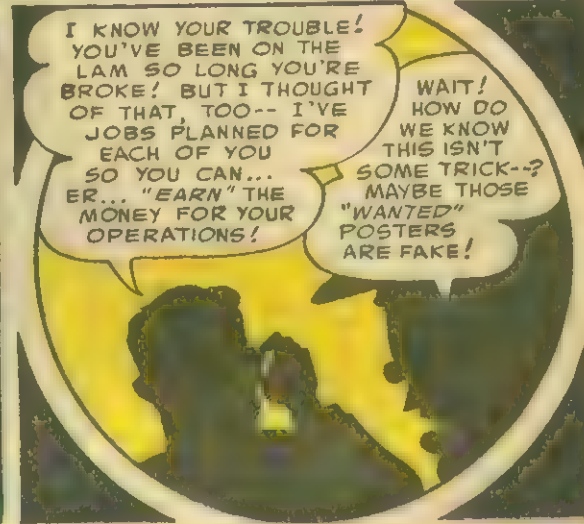
I GAVE "DOC" MY SECRET AND HE DID THE JOB! HOW DO THEY LOOK, PEPPER?

WHY... WHY, YOU'VE DONE THE IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'VE CHANGED FINGERPRINTS! THEY'RE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT!



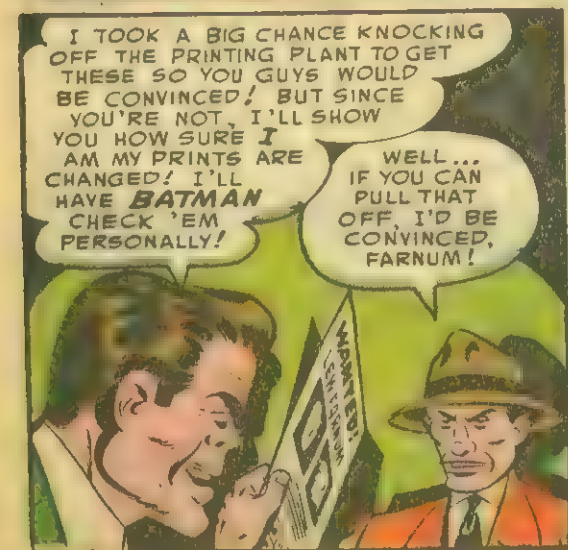
IF THIS IS TRUE, IT MEANS WE CAN COME OUT OF HIDING--WE'RE ALL WANTED BY THE POLICE! IT'LL MEAN A NEW LIFE FOR US! WHEN CAN YOU CHANGE MY PRINTS, DOC?

AH! NOT SO FAST! THIS IS MY GIMMICK! AND THE "DOC" WORKS ONLY FOR THE FEE I SET! HE'LL DO A COMBINATION JOB--FACE AND FINGERPRINTS--FOR 20 GRAND! WHO'S THE FIRST CUSTOMER?



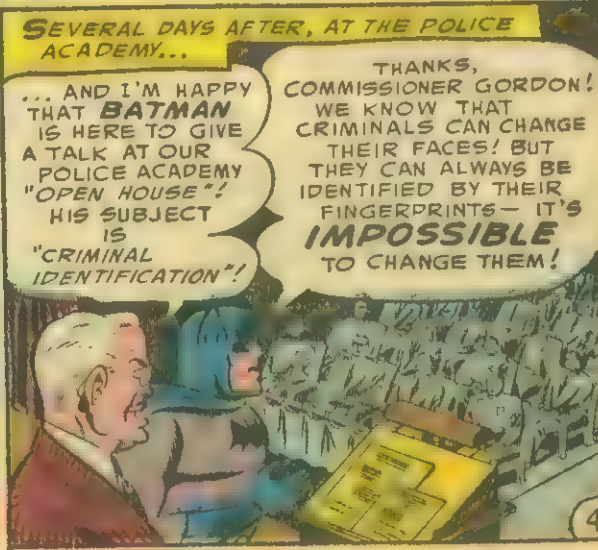
I KNOW YOUR TROUBLE! YOU'VE BEEN ON THE LAM SO LONG YOU'RE BROKE! BUT I THOUGHT OF THAT, TOO-- I'VE JOBS PLANNED FOR EACH OF YOU SO YOU CAN... ER... "EARN" THE MONEY FOR YOUR OPERATIONS!

WAIT! HOW DO WE KNOW THIS ISN'T SOME TRICK--? MAYBE THOSE "WANTED" POSTERS ARE FAKE!



I TOOK A BIG CHANCE KNOCKING OFF THE PRINTING PLANT TO GET THESE SO YOU GUYS WOULD BE CONVINCED! BUT SINCE YOU'RE NOT, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW SURE I AM MY PRINTS ARE CHANGED! I'LL HAVE BATMAN CHECK 'EM PERSONALLY!

WELL... IF YOU CAN PULL THAT OFF, I'D BE CONVINCED, FARNUM!



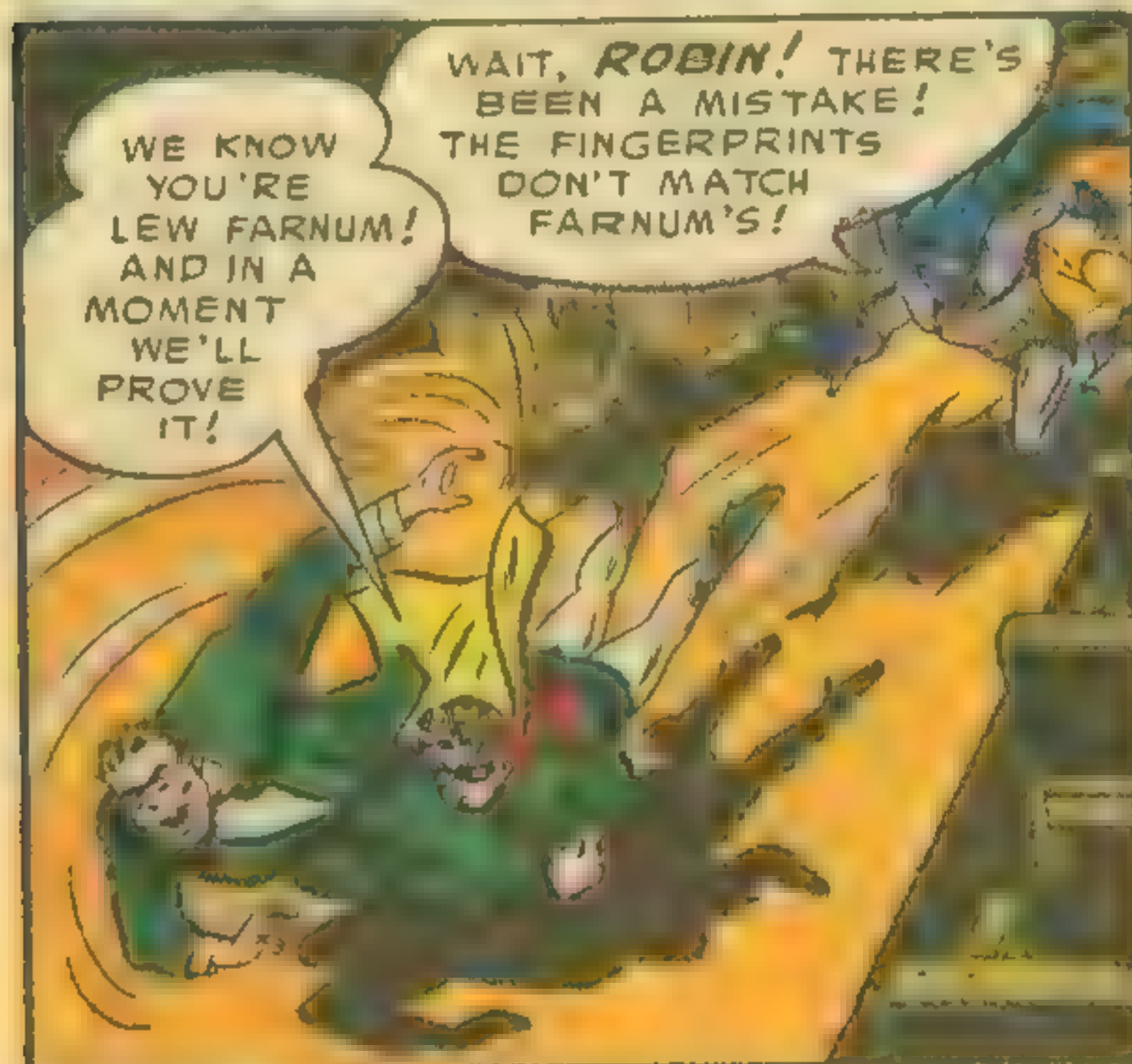
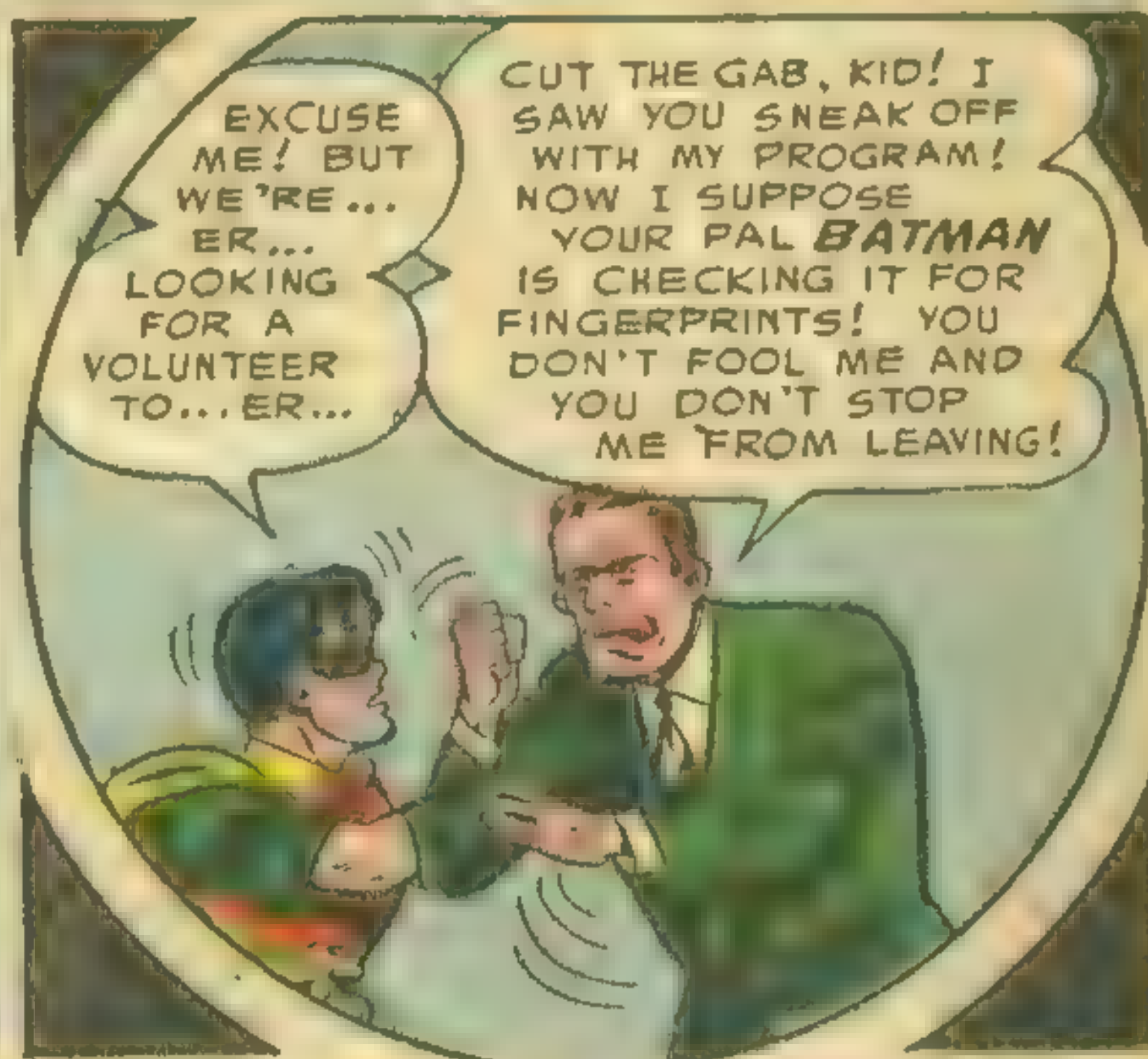
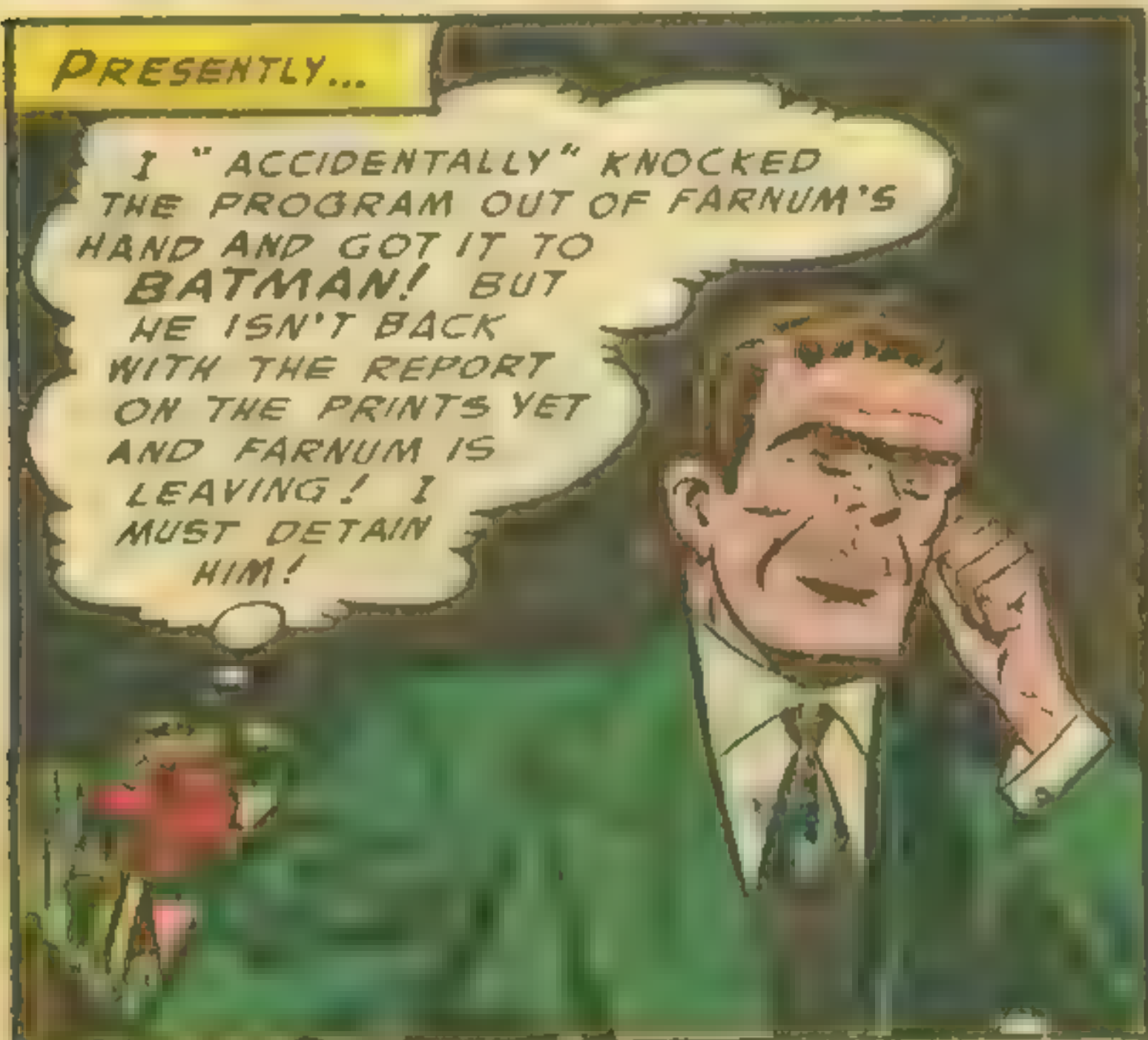
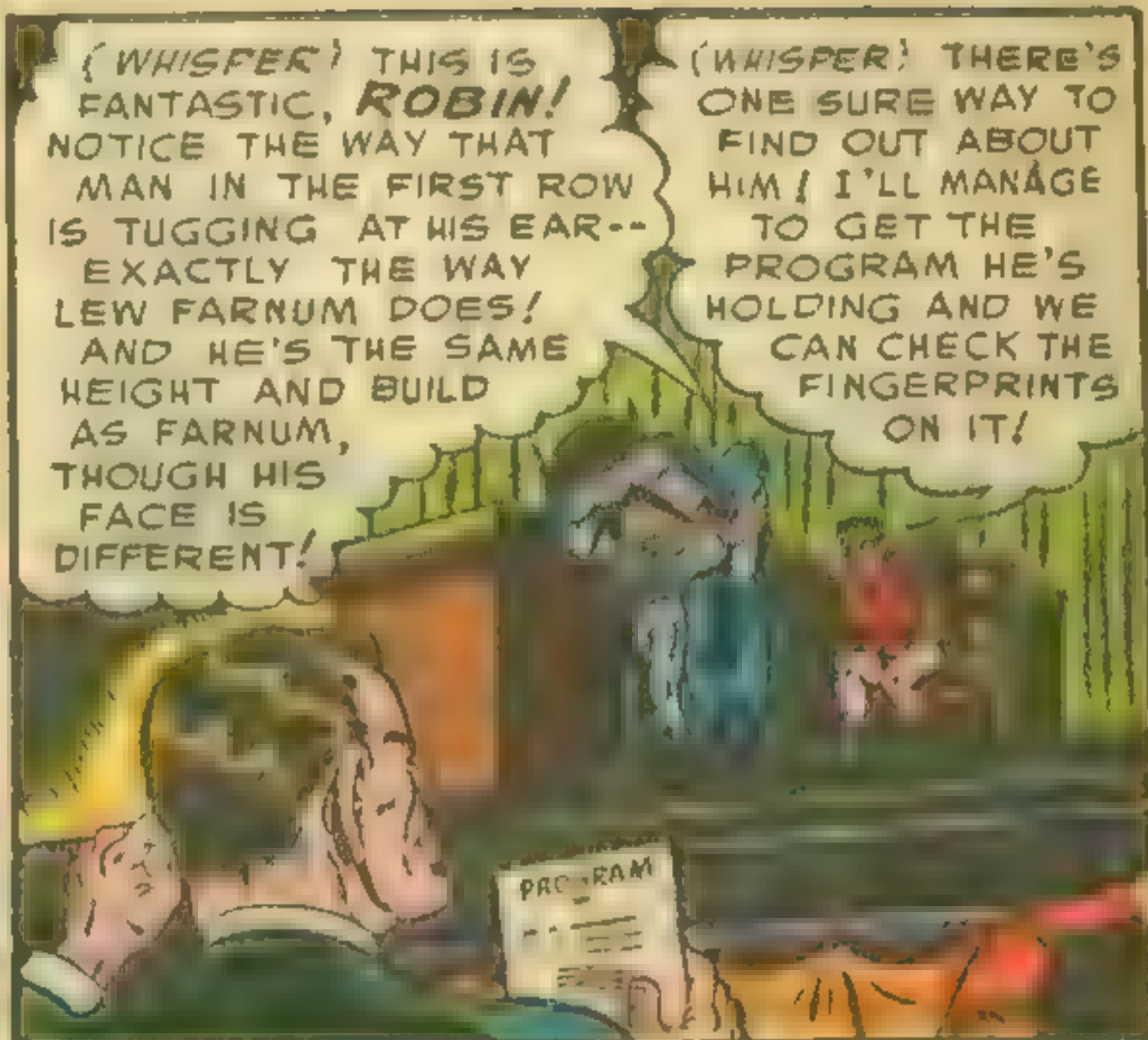
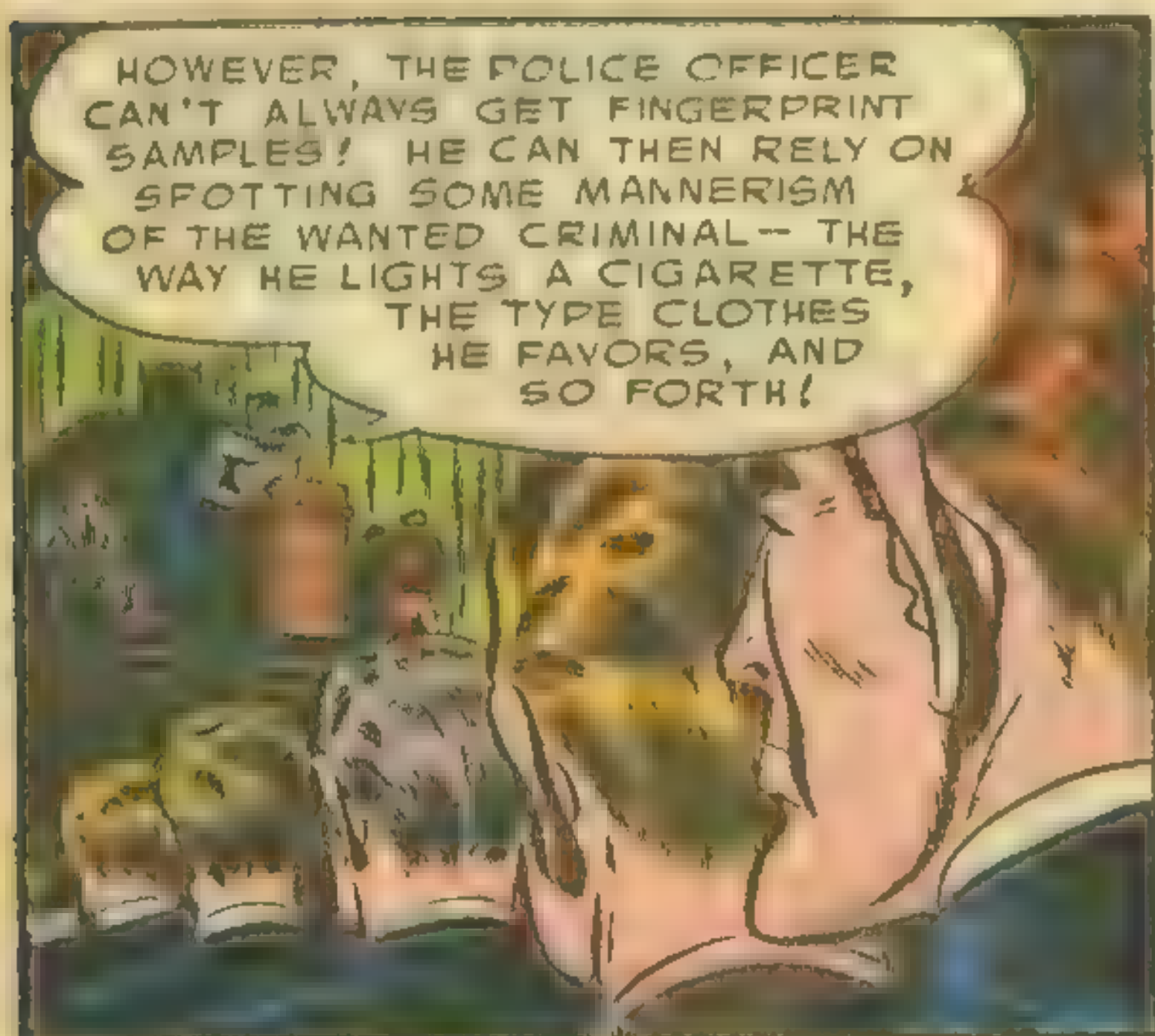
SEVERAL DAYS AFTER, AT THE POLICE ACADEMY...

... AND I'M HAPPY THAT BATMAN IS HERE TO GIVE A TALK AT OUR POLICE ACADEMY "OPEN HOUSE"! HIS SUBJECT IS "CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION"!

THANKS, COMMISSIONER GORDON! WE KNOW THAT CRIMINALS CAN CHANGE THEIR FACES! BUT THEY CAN ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR FINGERPRINTS-- IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE THEM!

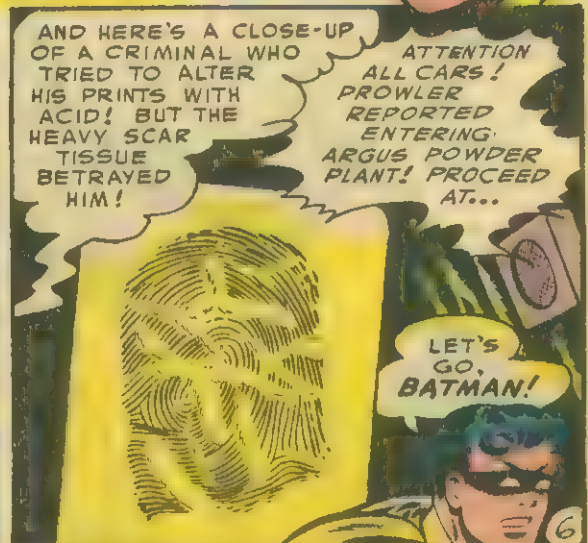
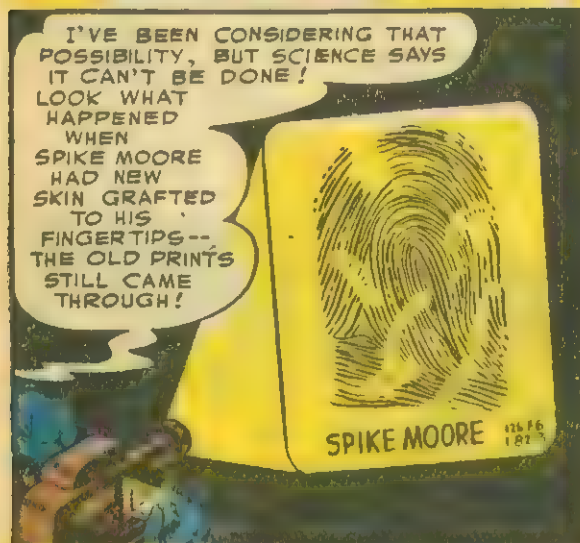
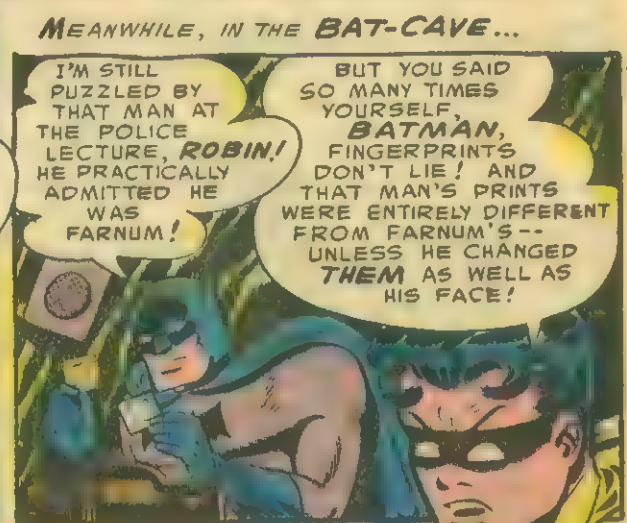
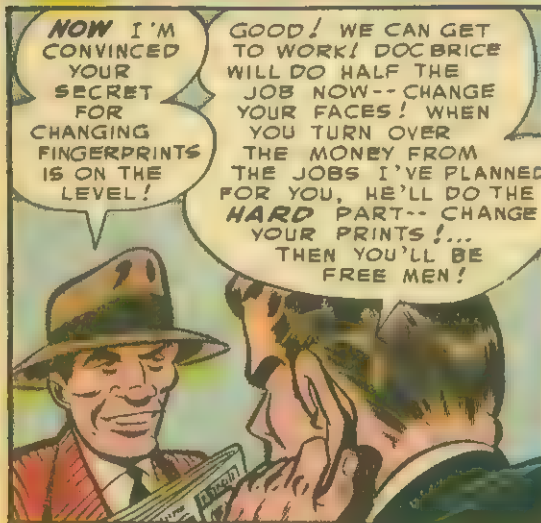
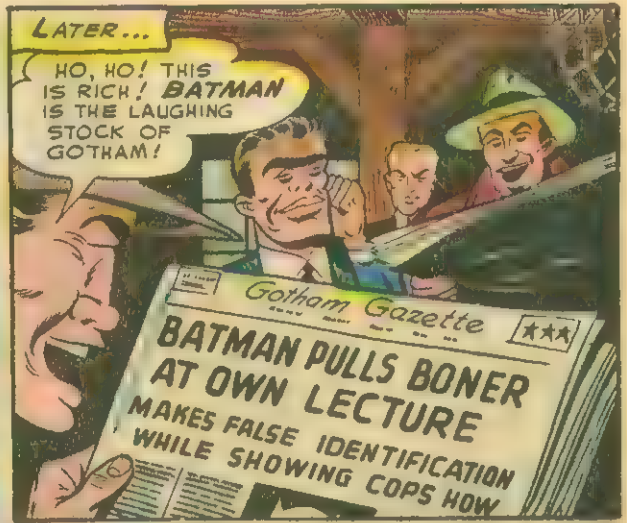
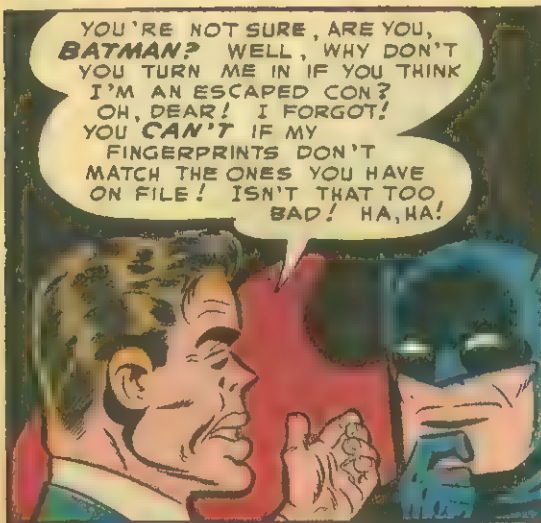


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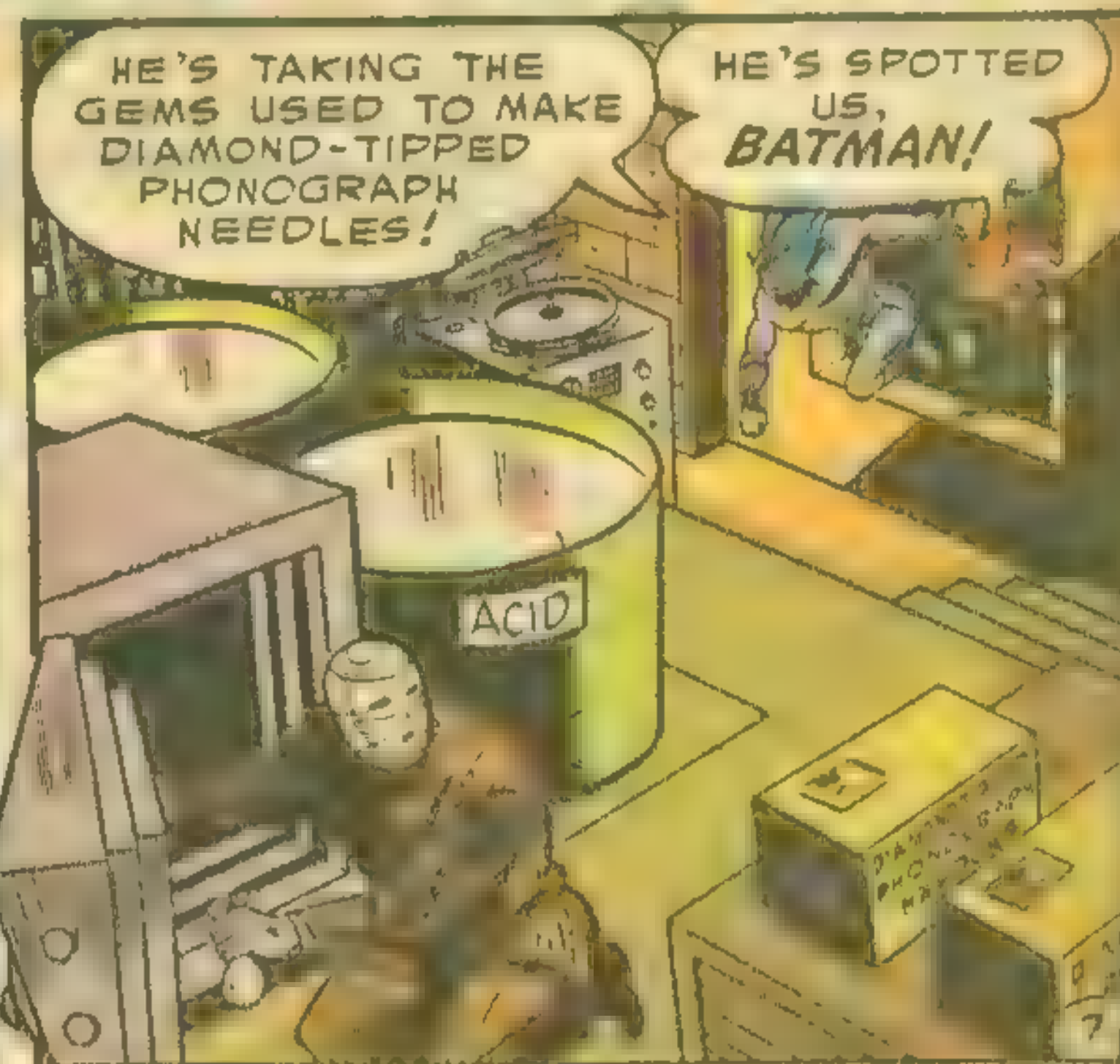
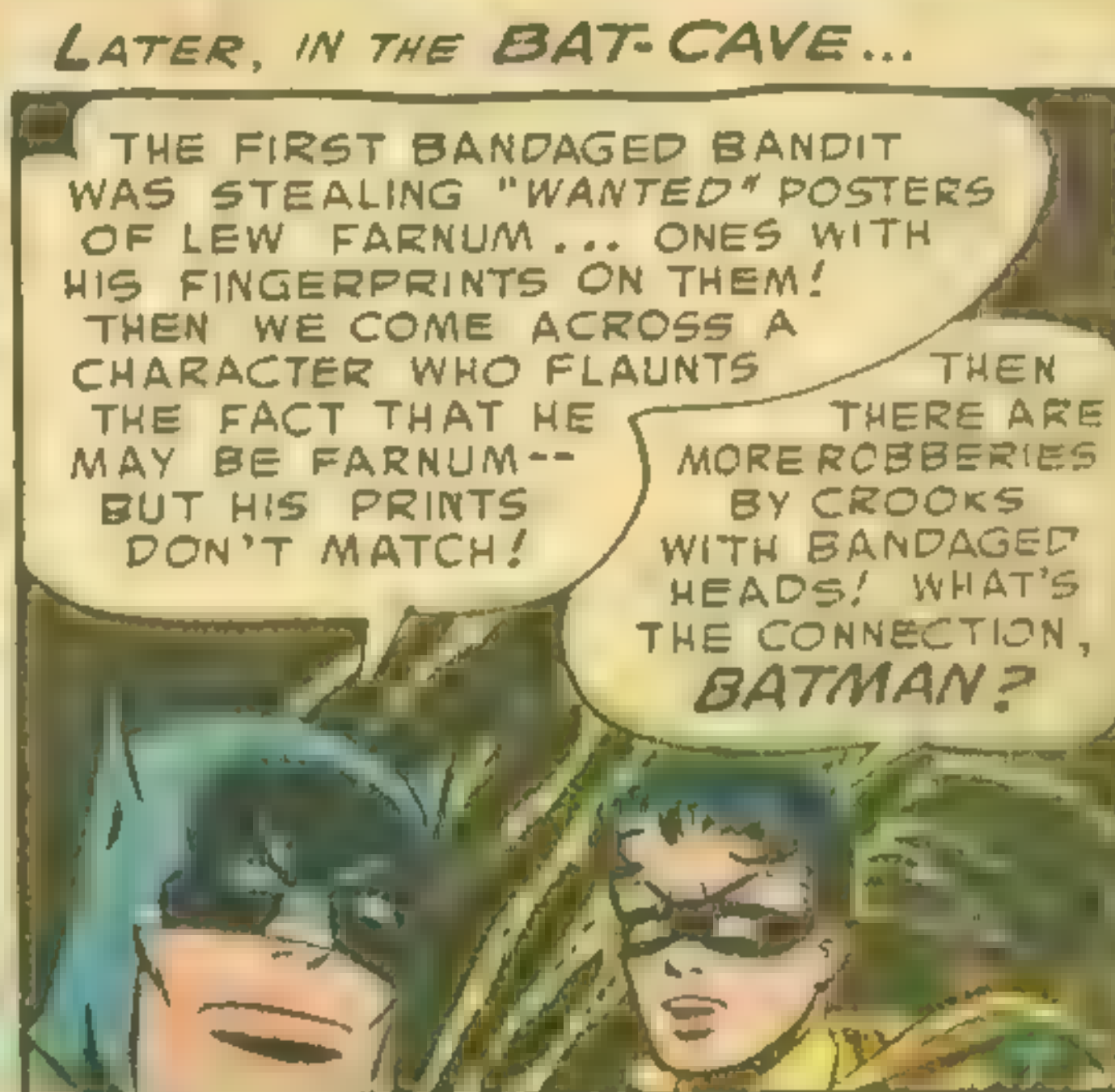
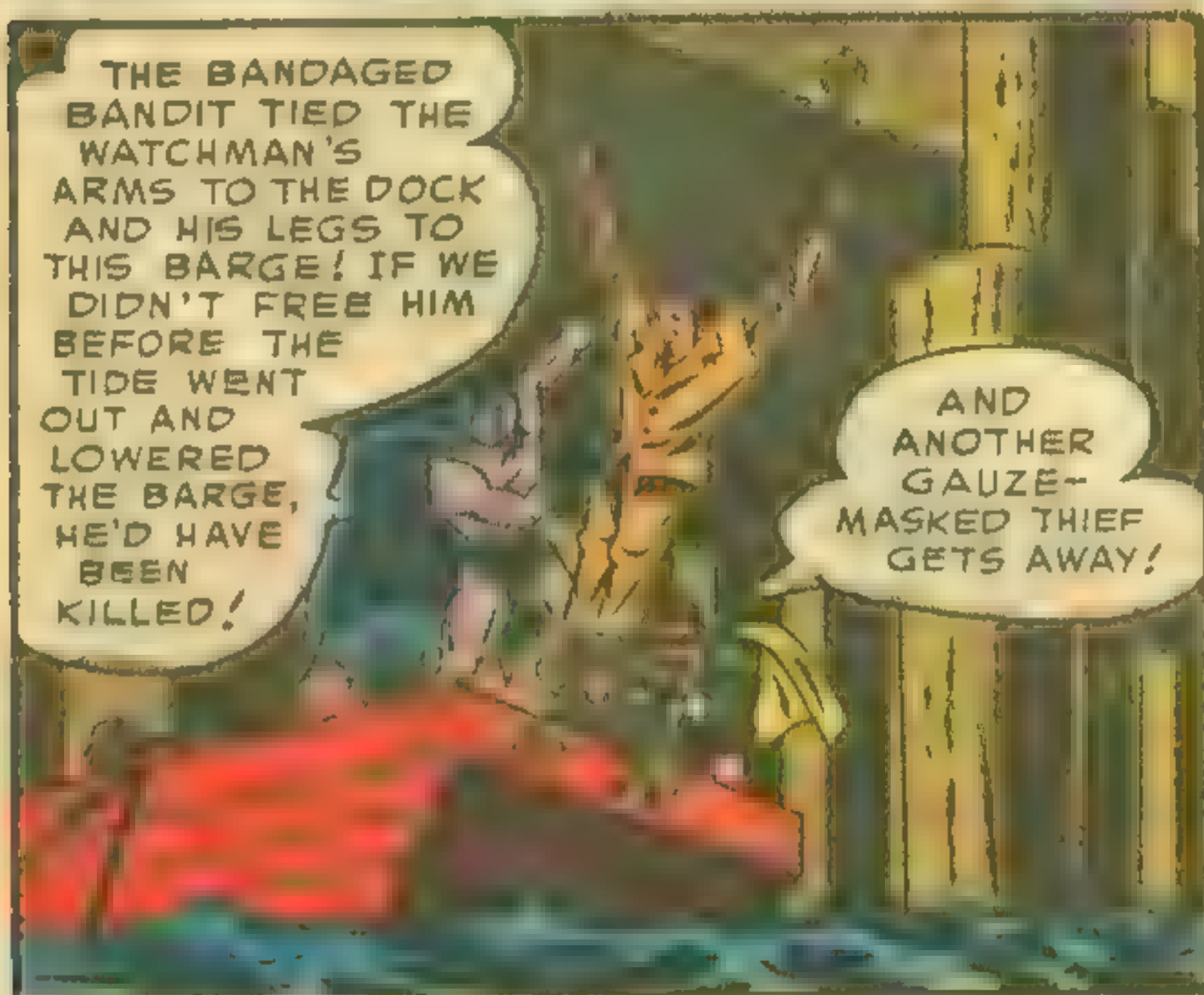
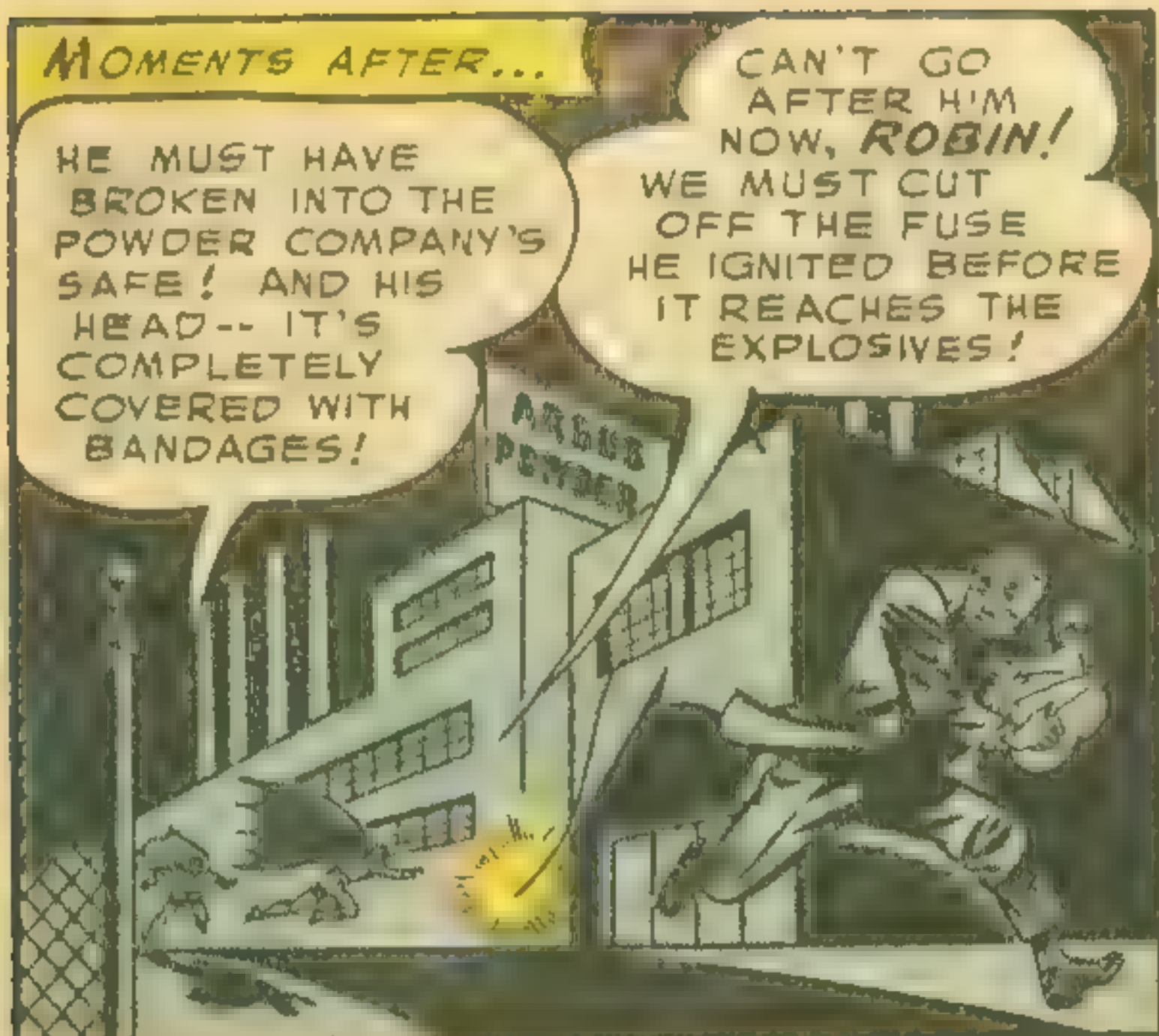


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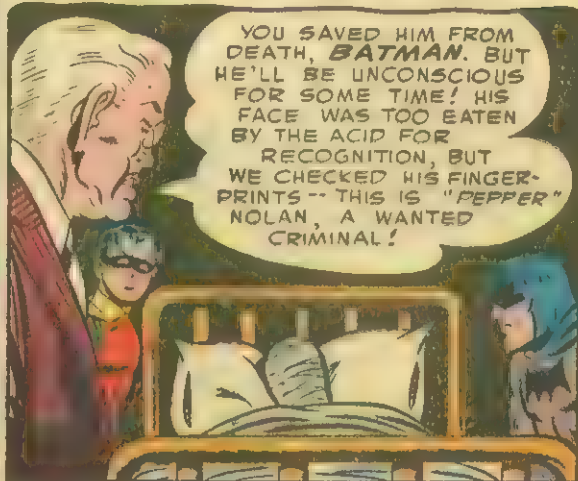
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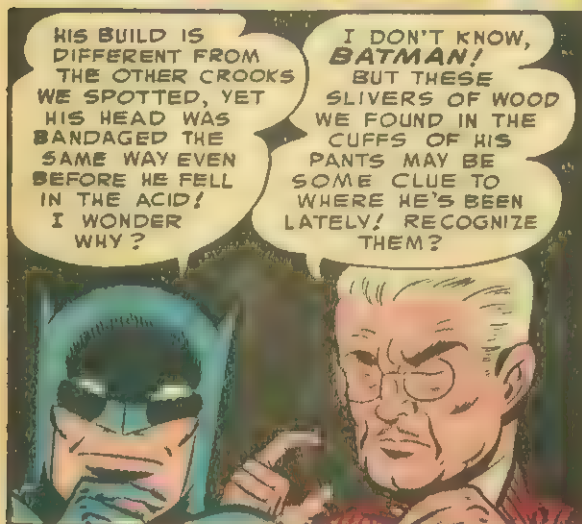


IN HIS HASTE, HE BACKED INTO ONE OF THE ACID-FILLED VATS THEY USE IN THE ELECTRO-PLATING PROCESS FOR "MASTER" RECORDINGS! IF WE DON'T GET HIM OUT FAST, HE'LL BE BURNED TO DEATH!

LATER, AT THE GOTHAM HOSPITAL...

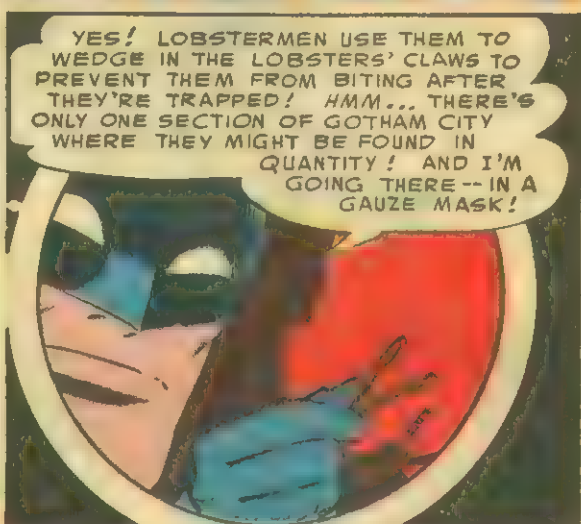


YOU SAVED HIM FROM DEATH, **BATMAN**. BUT HE'LL BE UNCONSCIOUS FOR SOME TIME! HIS FACE WAS TOO EATEN BY THE ACID FOR RECOGNITION, BUT WE CHECKED HIS FINGER-PRINTS -- THIS IS "PEPPER" NOLAN, A WANTED CRIMINAL!



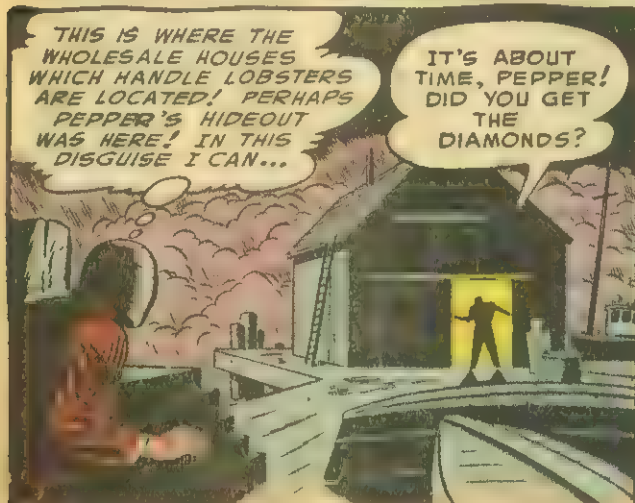
HIS BUILD IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CROOKS WE SPOTTED, YET HIS HEAD WAS BANDAGED THE SAME WAY EVEN BEFORE HE FELL IN THE ACID! I WONDER WHY?

I DON'T KNOW, **BATMAN**! BUT THESE SLIVERS OF WOOD WE FOUND IN THE CUFFS OF HIS PANTS MAY BE SOME CLUE TO WHERE HE'S BEEN LATELY! RECOGNIZE THEM?



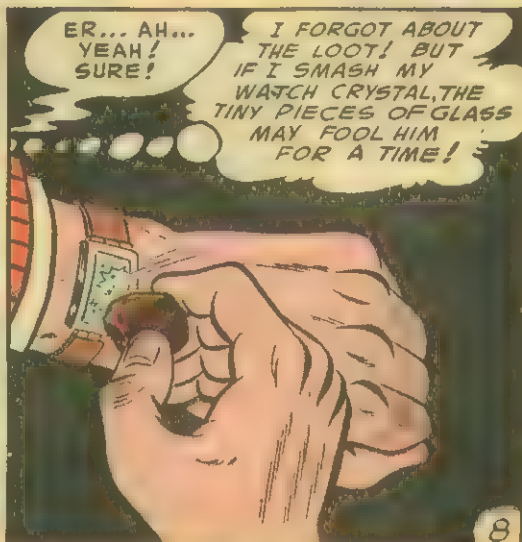
YES! LOBSTERMEN USE THEM TO WEDGE IN THE LOBSTERS' CLAWS TO PREVENT THEM FROM BITING AFTER THEY'RE TRAPPED! HMM... THERE'S ONLY ONE SECTION OF GOTHAM CITY WHERE THEY MIGHT BE FOUND IN QUANTITY! AND I'M GOING THERE -- IN A GAUZE MASK!

AFTERWARDS, ALONG THE WATERFRONT...



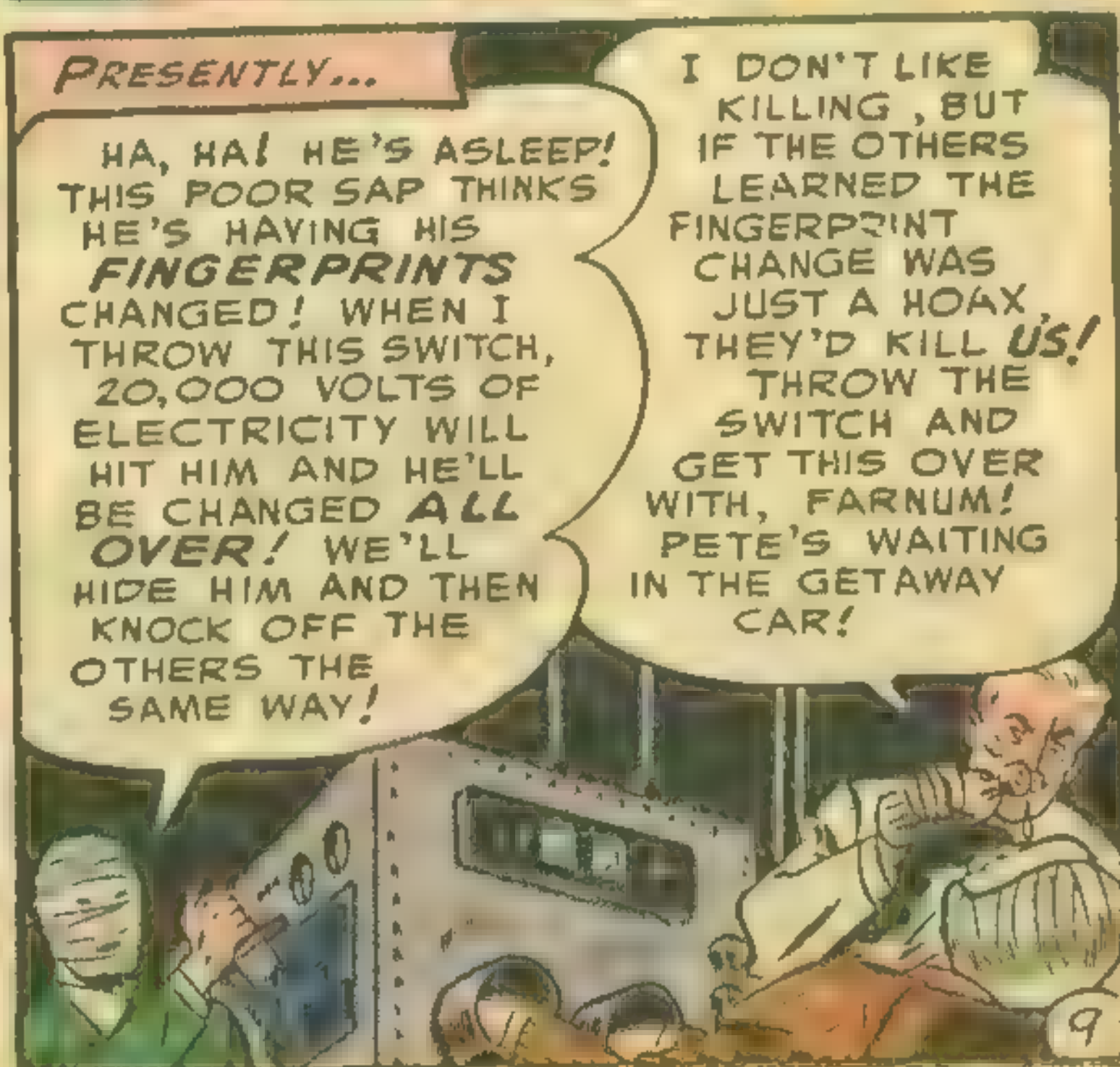
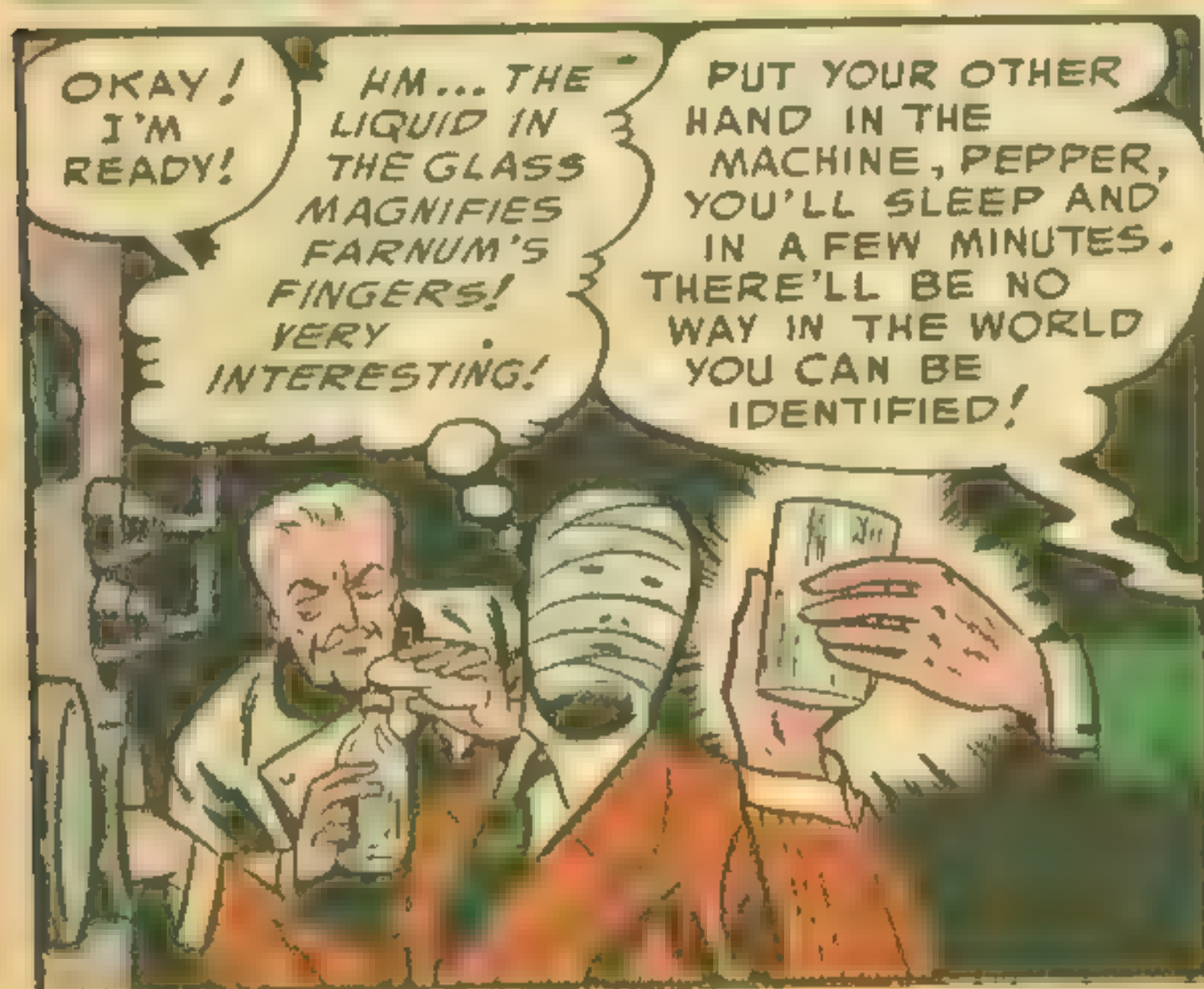
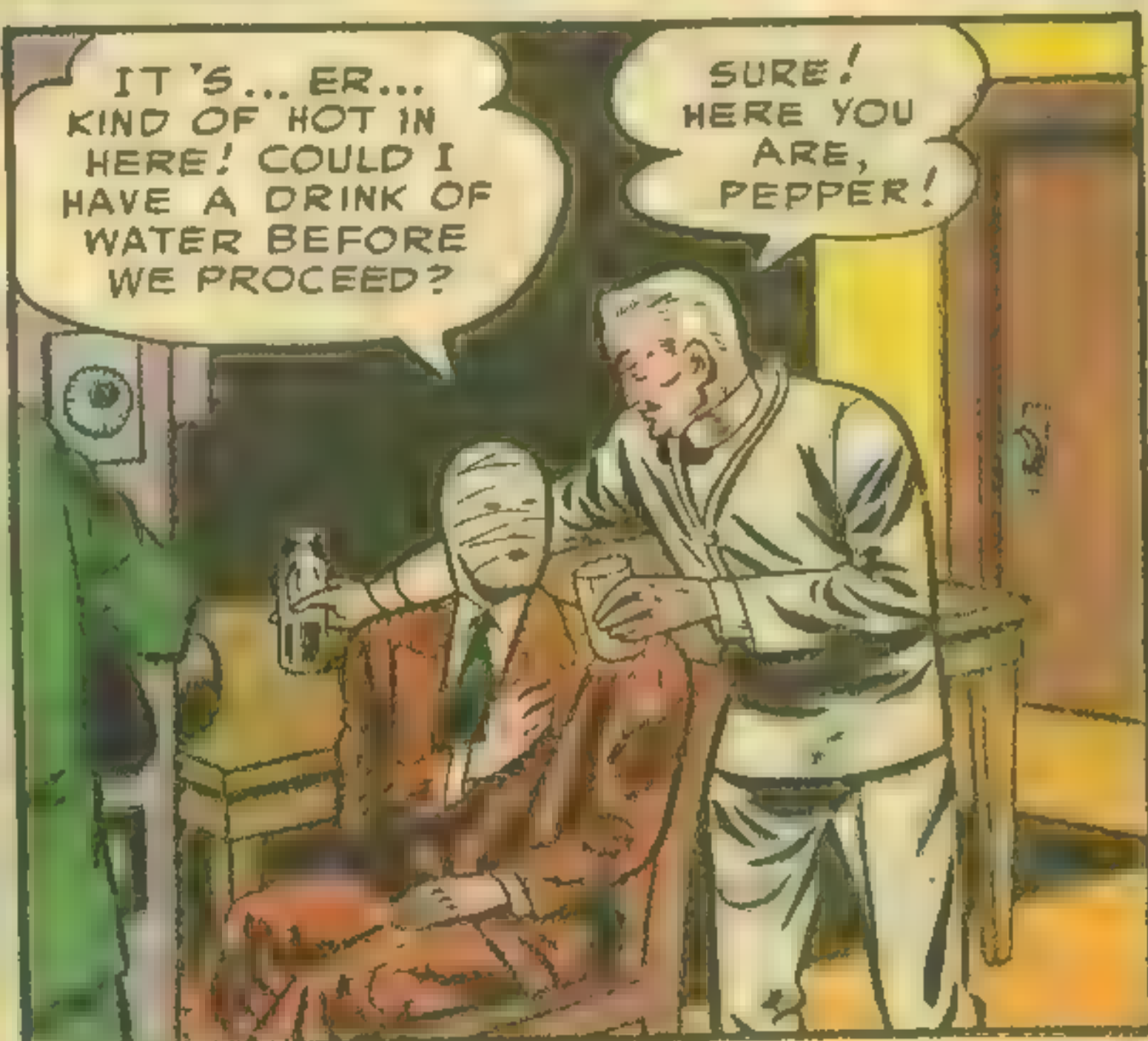
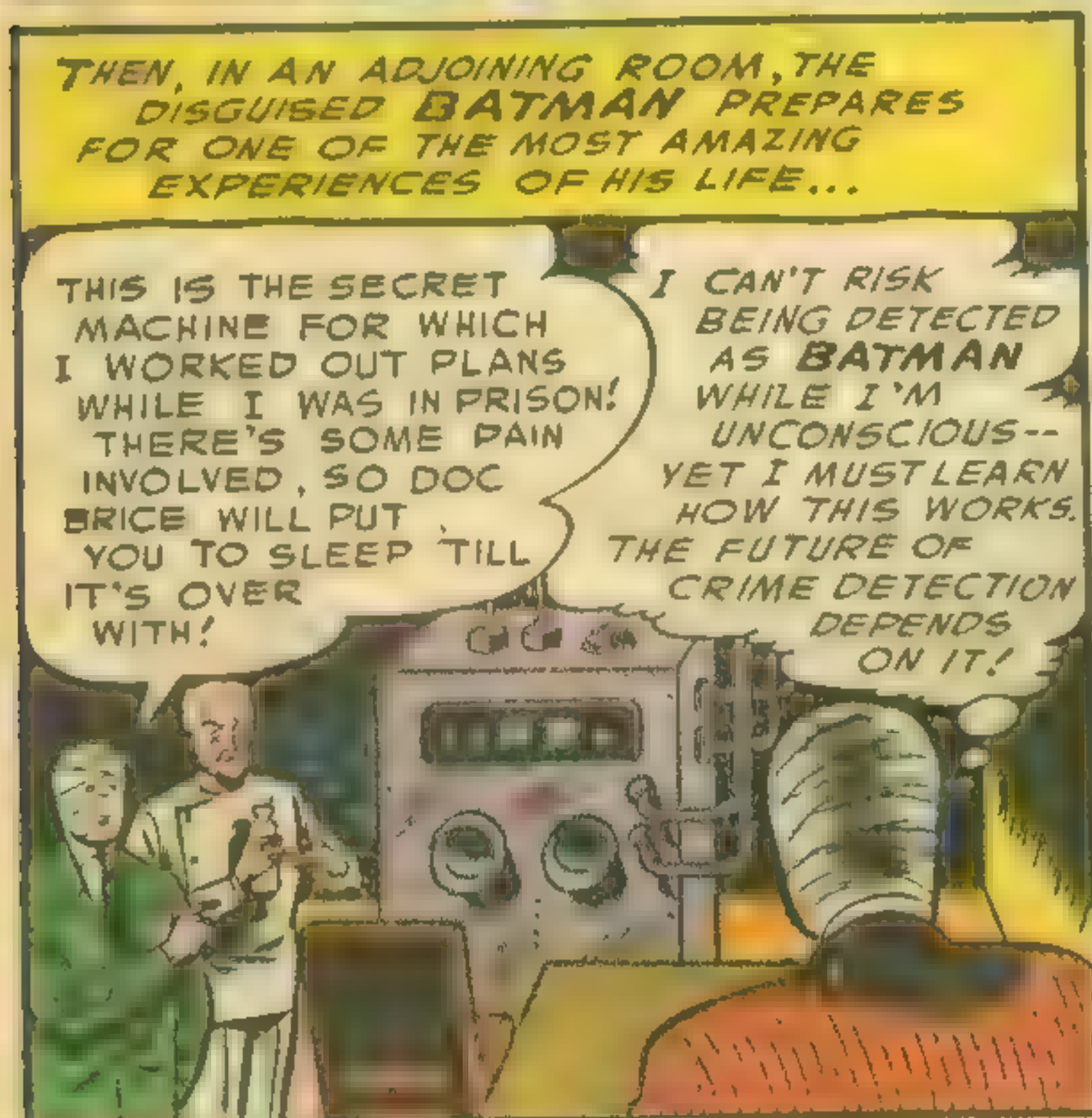
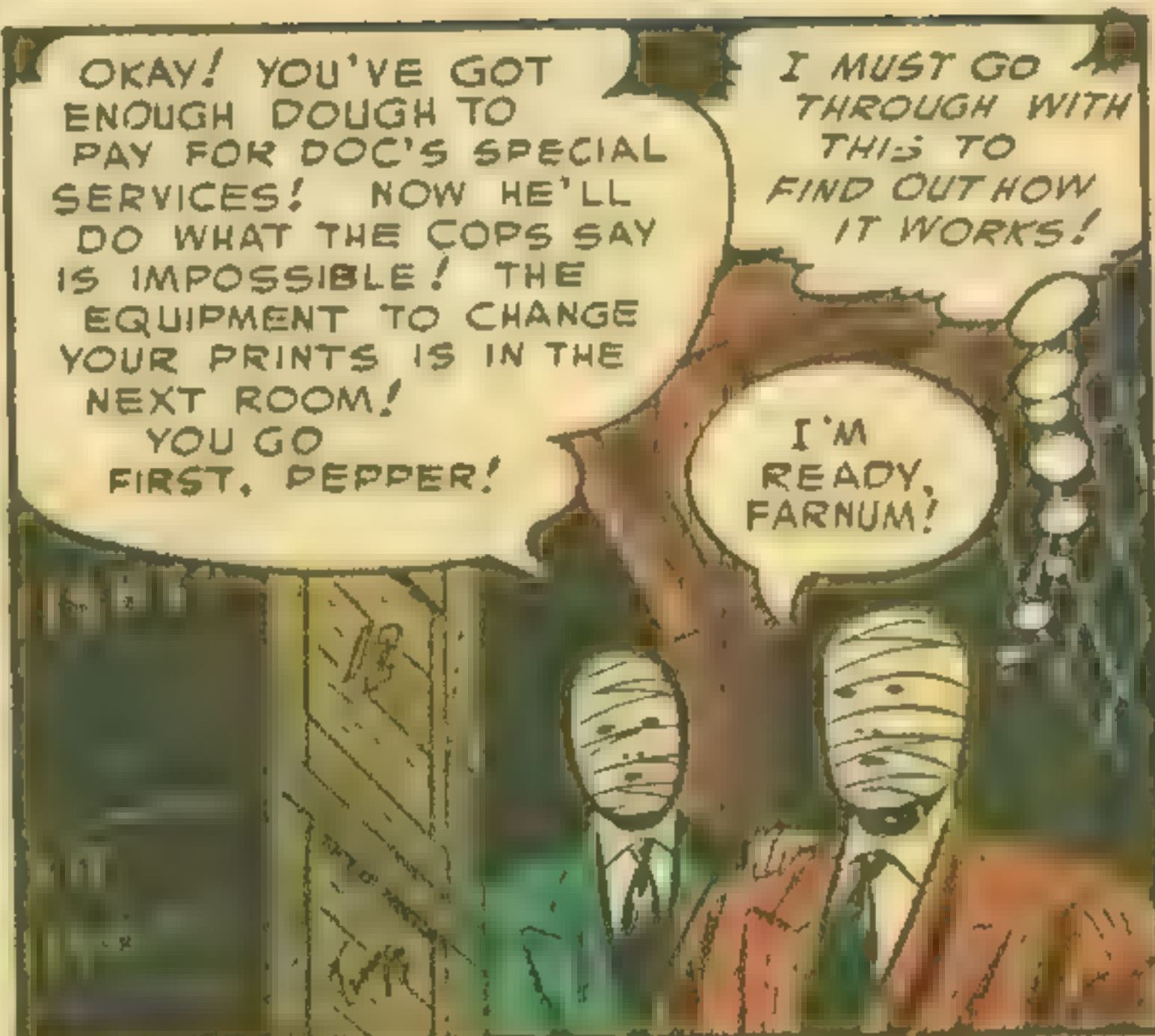
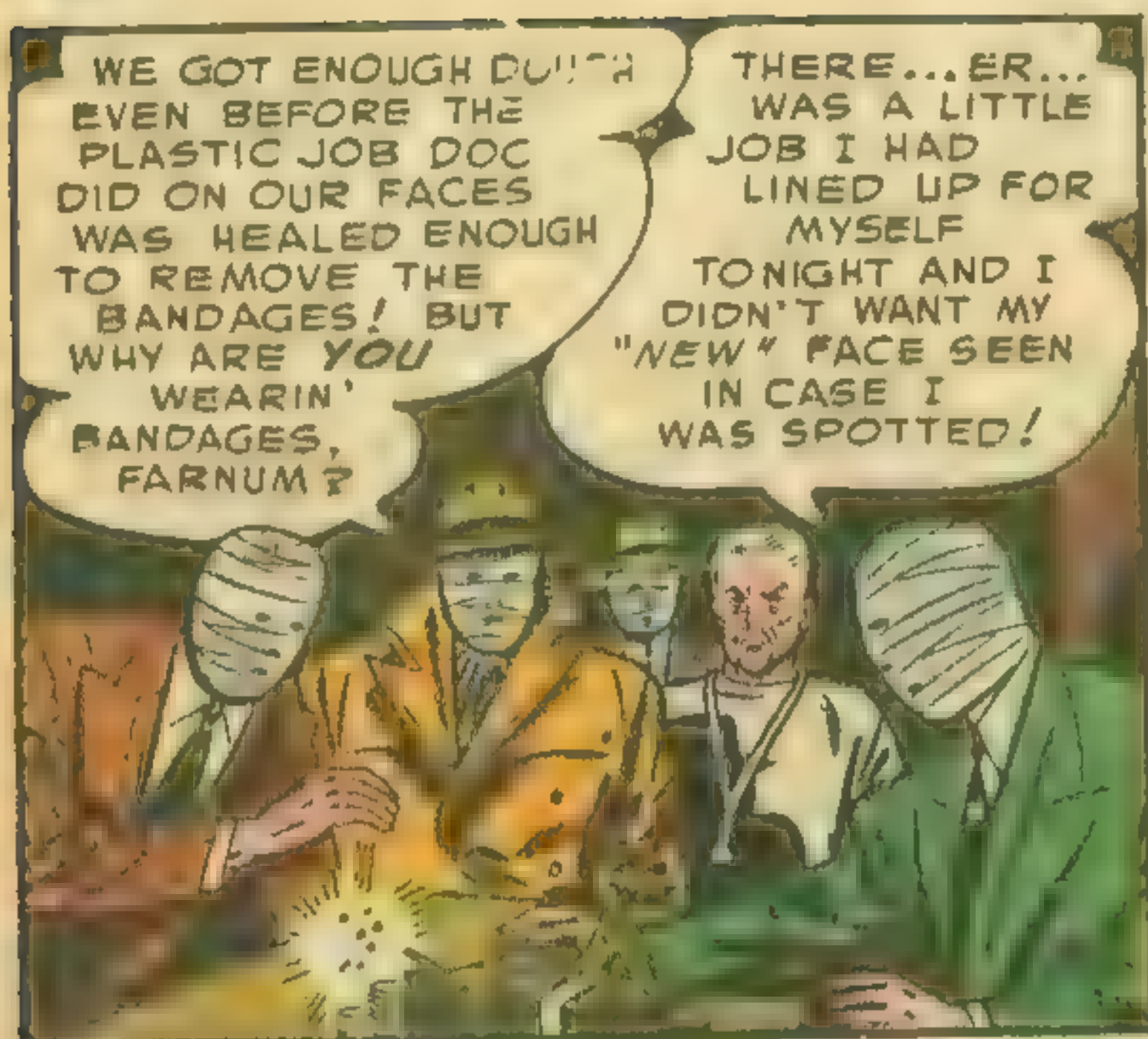
THIS IS WHERE THE WHOLESALE HOUSES WHICH HANDLE LOBSTERS ARE LOCATED! PERHAPS PEPPER'S HIDEOUT WAS HERE! IN THIS DISGUISE I CAN...

IT'S ABOUT TIME, PEPPER! DID YOU GET THE DIAMONDS?



ER... AH... YEAH! SURE!

I FORGOT ABOUT THE LOOT! BUT IF I SMASH MY WATCH CRYSTAL, THE TINY PIECES OF GLASS MAY FOOL HIM FOR A TIME!

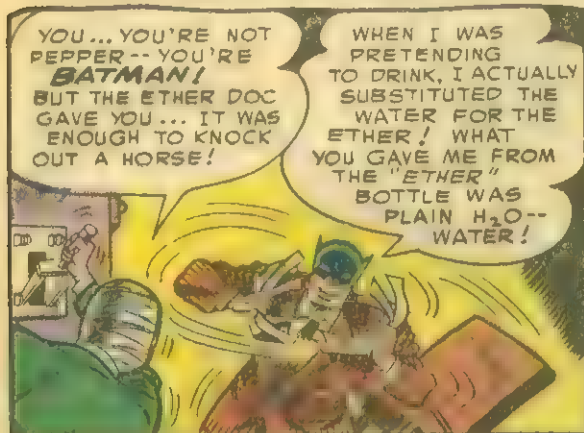




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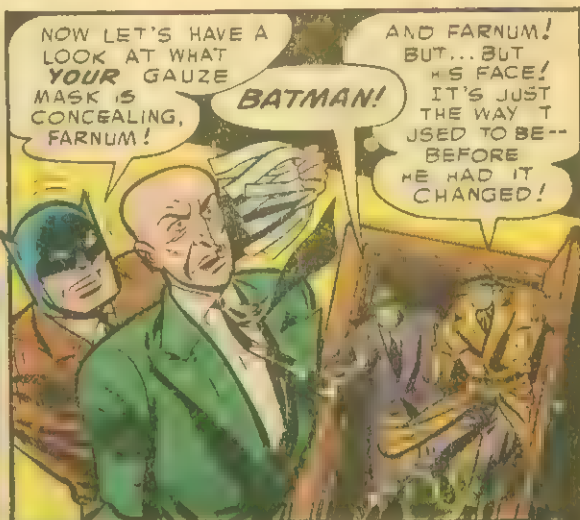


BUT AS THE BLADES OF THE KNIFE SWITCH ARE ABOUT TO CLOSE, SMASHING BATMAN WITH A 20,000 VOLT FORCE...



YOU... YOU'RE NOT PEPPER-- YOU'RE **BATMAN!** BUT THE ETHER DOC GAVE YOU... IT WAS ENOUGH TO KNOCK OUT A HORSE!

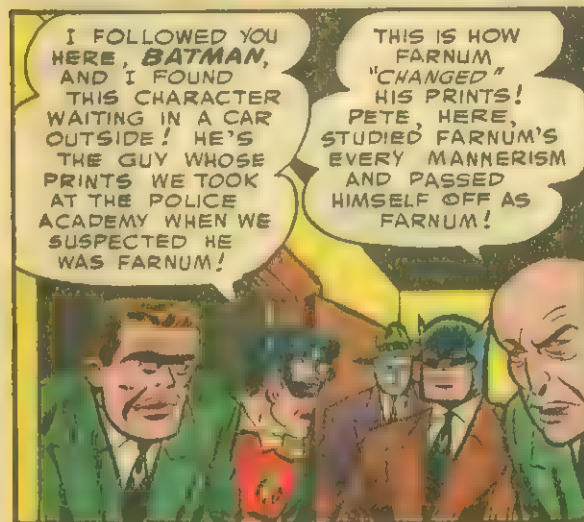
WHEN I WAS PRETENDING TO DRINK, I ACTUALLY SUBSTITUTED THE WATER FOR THE ETHER! WHAT YOU GAVE ME FROM THE "ETHER" BOTTLE WAS PLAIN H₂O-- WATER!



NOW LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT **YOUR GAUZE MASK IS CONCEALING, FARNUM!**

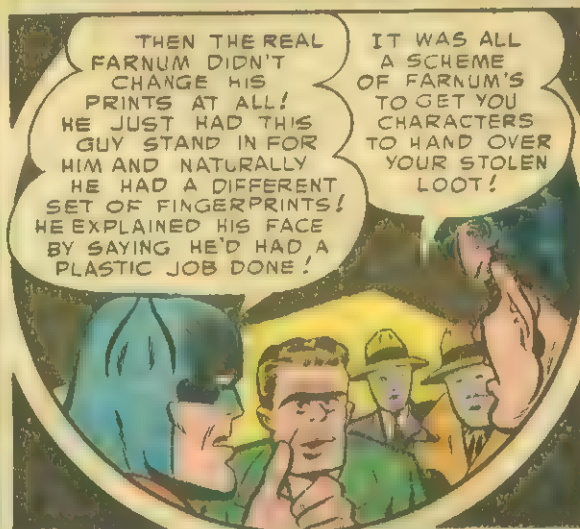
BATMAN!

AND FARNUM! BUT... BUT HIS FACE! IT'S JUST THE WAY I USED TO BE-- BEFORE HE HAD IT CHANGED!



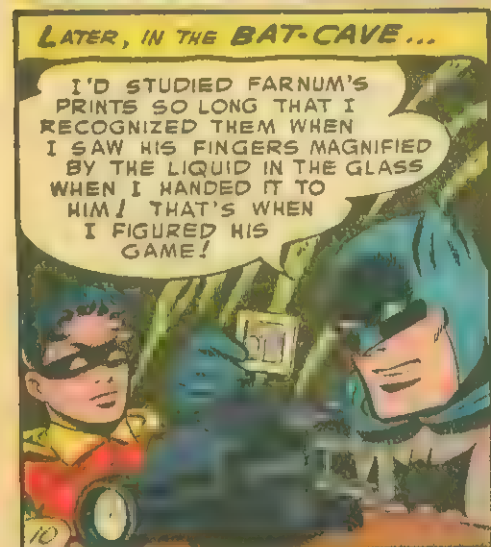
I FOLLOWED YOU HERE, **BATMAN**, AND I FOUND THIS CHARACTER WAITING IN A CAR OUTSIDE! HE'S THE GUY WHOSE PRINTS WE TOOK AT THE POLICE ACADEMY WHEN WE SUSPECTED HE WAS FARNUM!

THIS IS HOW FARNUM "CHANGED" HIS PRINTS! PETE, HERE, STUDIED FARNUM'S EVERY MANNERISM AND PASSED HIMSELF OFF AS FARNUM!



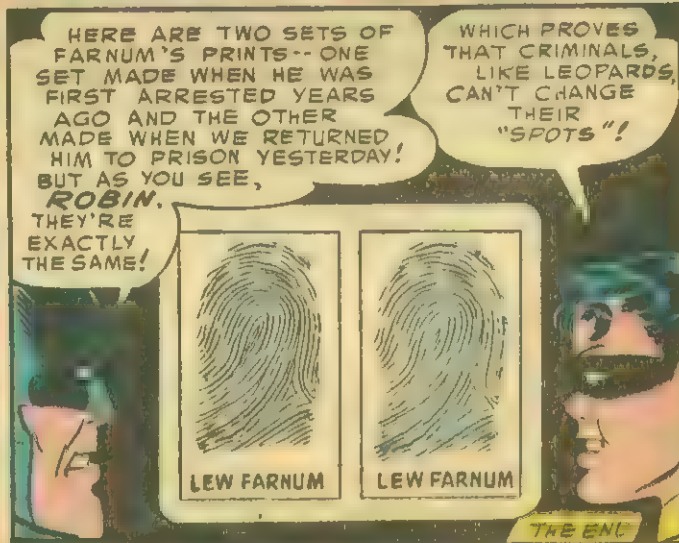
THEN THE REAL FARNUM DIDN'T CHANGE HIS PRINTS AT ALL! HE JUST HAD THIS GUY STAND IN FOR HIM AND NATURALLY HE HAD A DIFFERENT SET OF FINGERPRINTS! HE EXPLAINED HIS FACE BY SAYING HE'D HAD A PLASTIC JOB DONE!

IT WAS ALL A SCHEME OF FARNUM'S TO GET YOU CHARACTERS TO HAND OVER YOUR STOLEN LOOT!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

I'D STUDIED FARNUM'S PRINTS SO LONG THAT I RECOGNIZED THEM WHEN I SAW HIS FINGERS MAGNIFIED BY THE LIQUID IN THE GLASS WHEN I HANDED IT TO HIM! THAT'S WHEN I FIGURED HIS GAME!



HERE ARE TWO SETS OF FARNUM'S PRINTS-- ONE SET MADE WHEN HE WAS FIRST ARRESTED YEARS AGO AND THE OTHER MADE WHEN WE RETURNED HIM TO PRISON YESTERDAY! BUT AS YOU SEE, **ROBIN**, THEY'RE EXACTLY THE SAME!

WHICH PROVES THAT CRIMINALS, LIKE LEOPARDS, CAN'T CHANGE THEIR "SPOTS"!

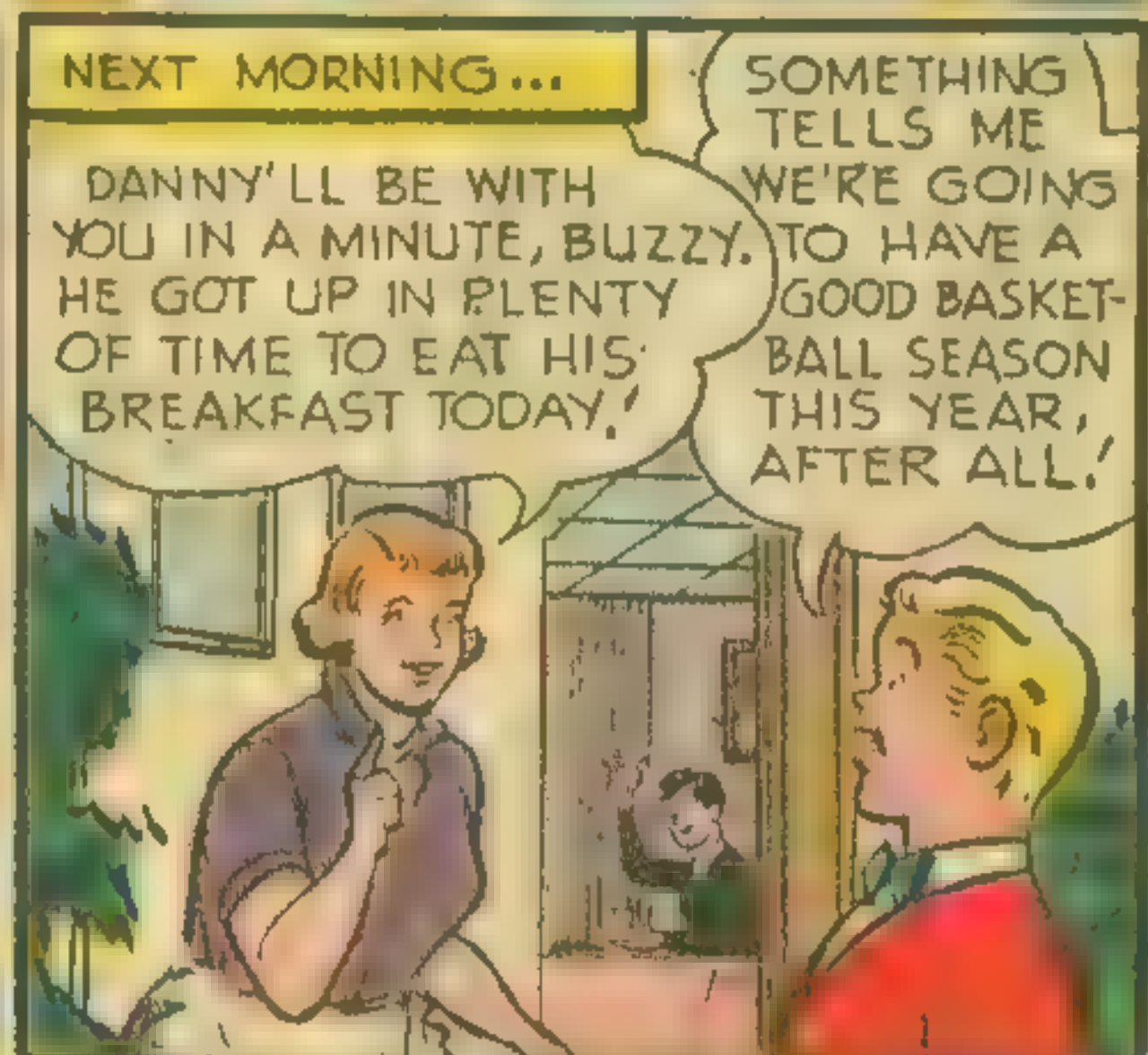
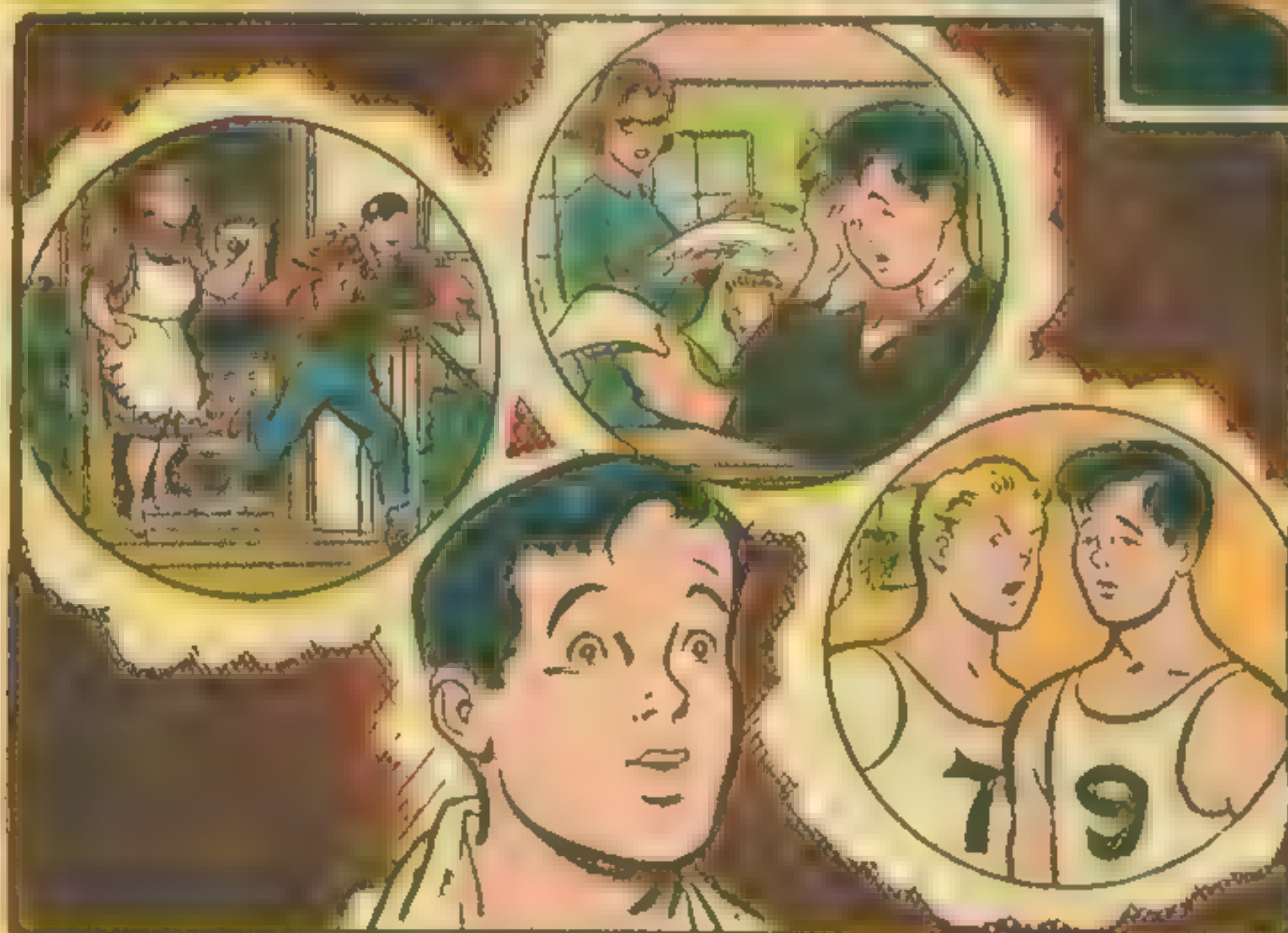
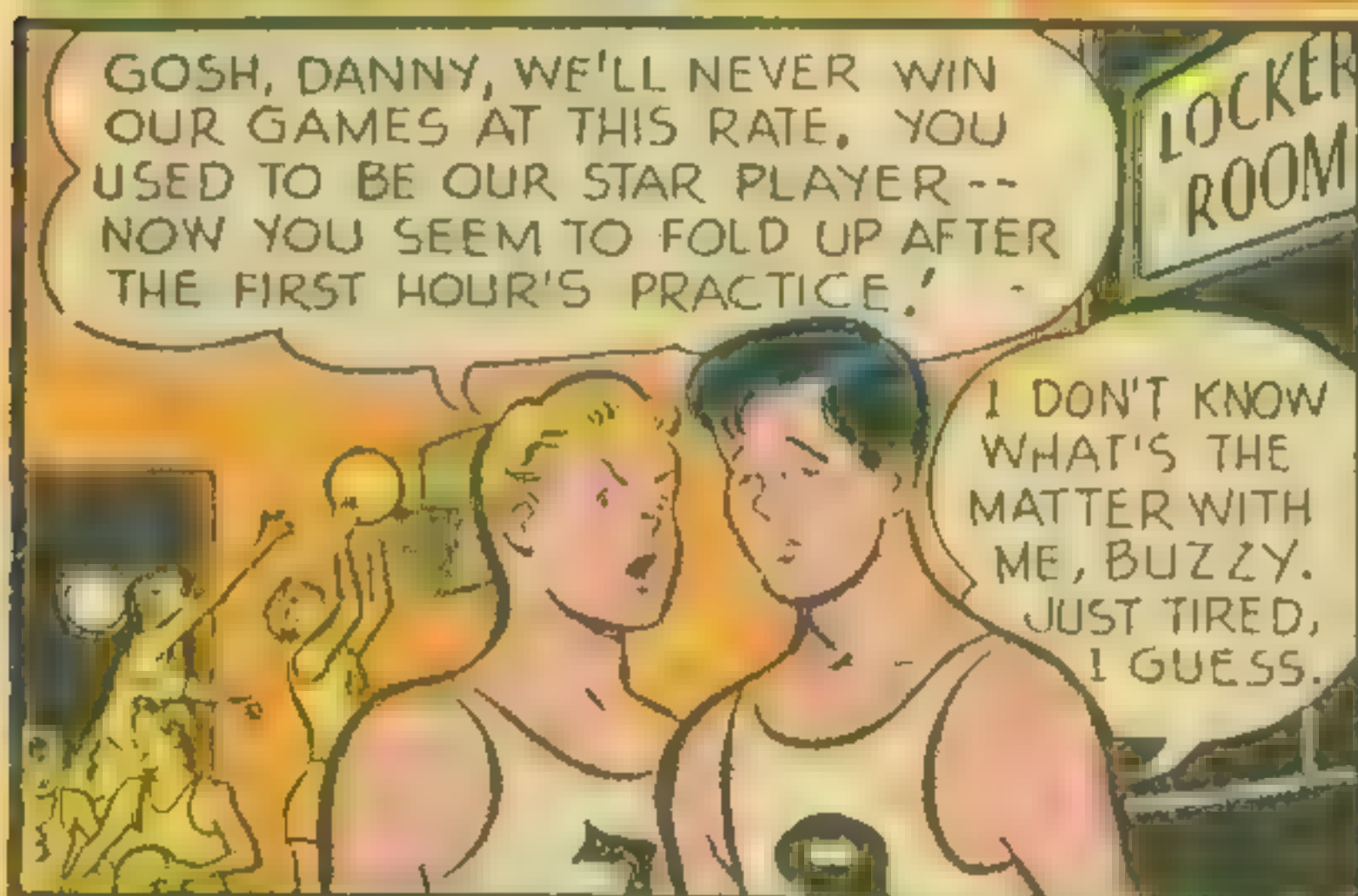
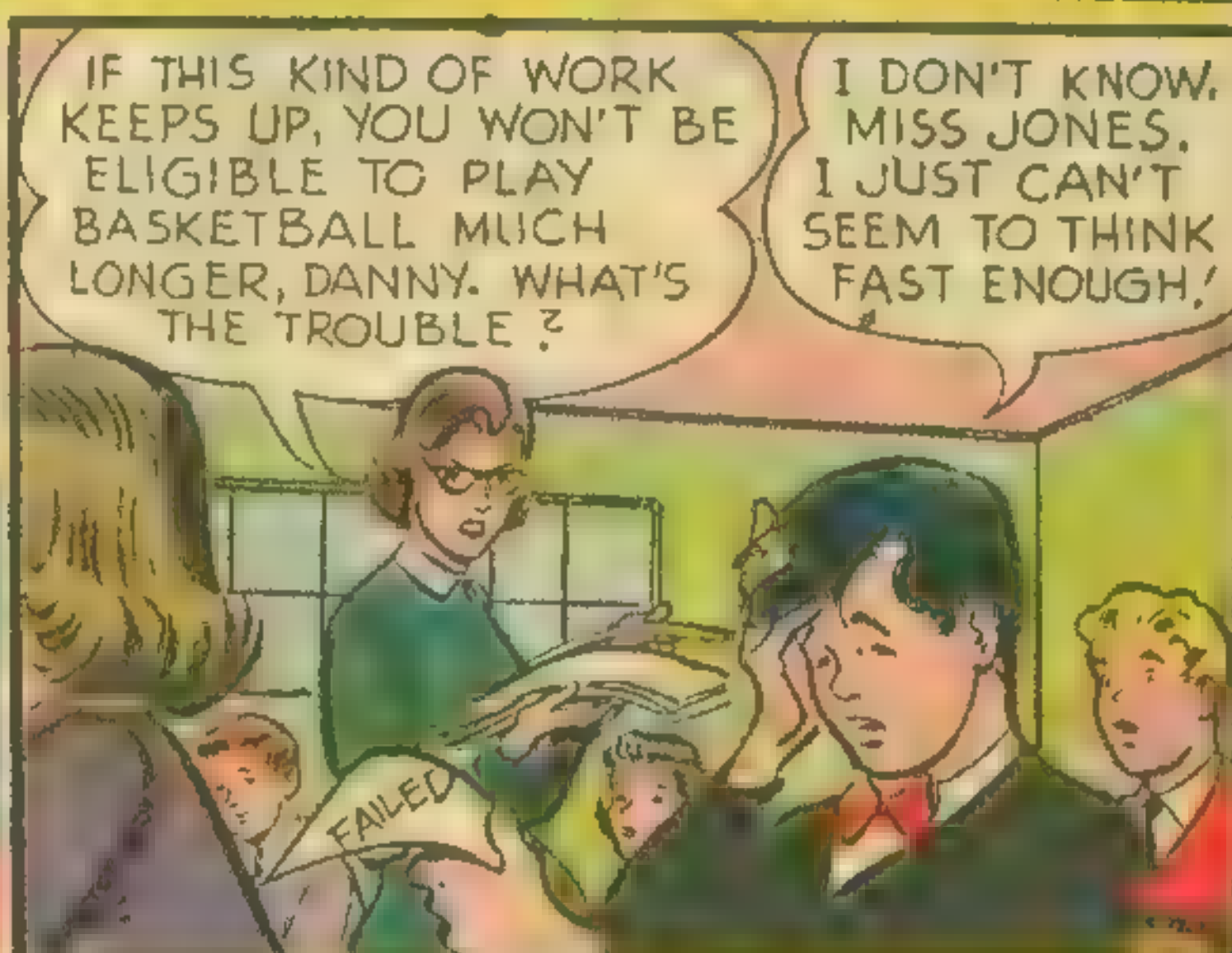
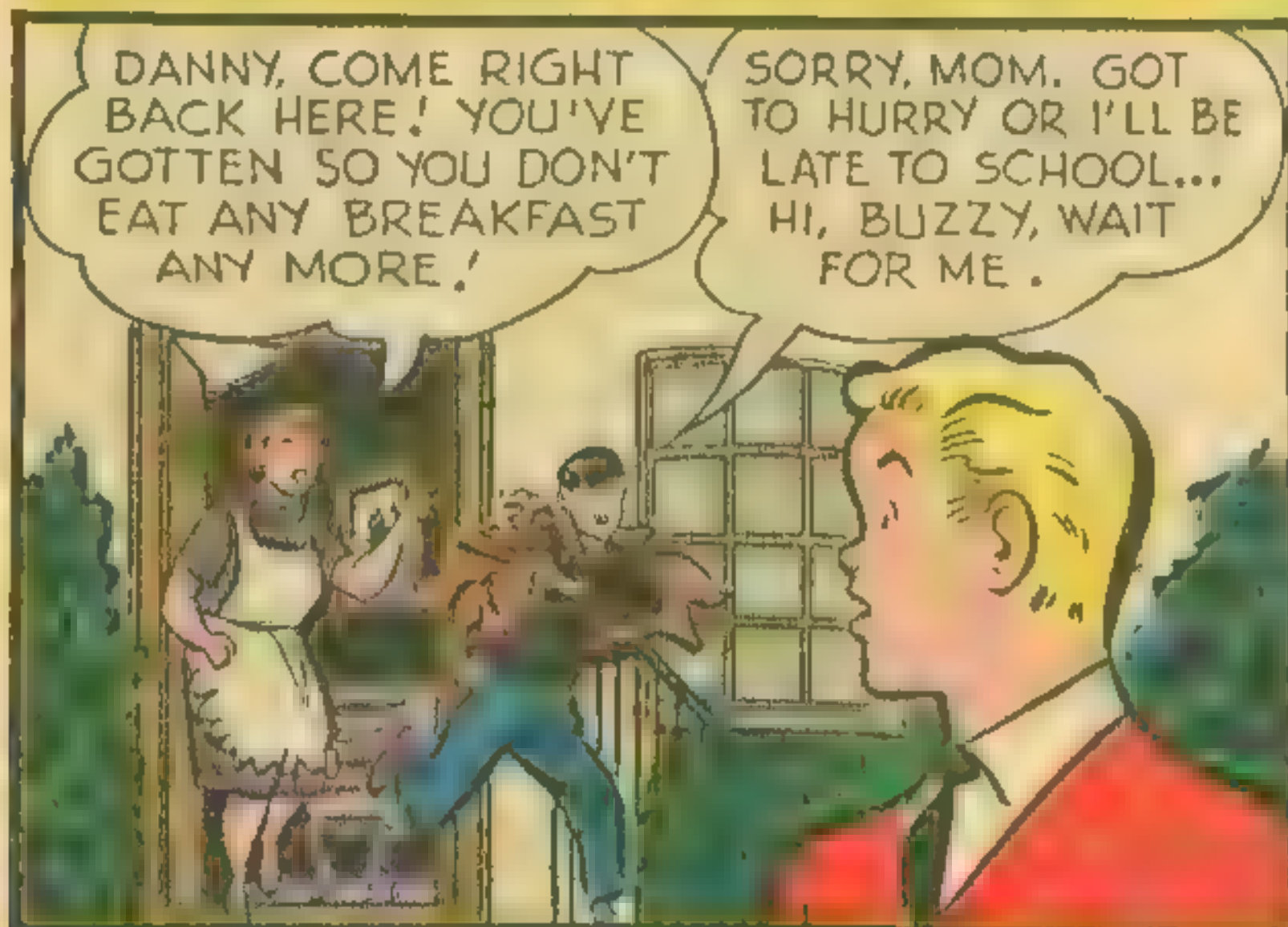
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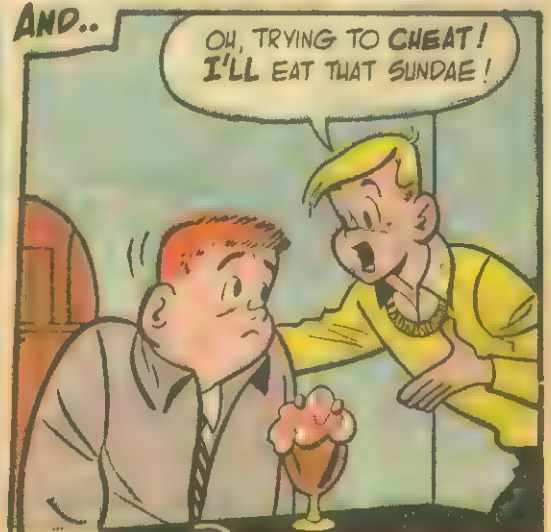
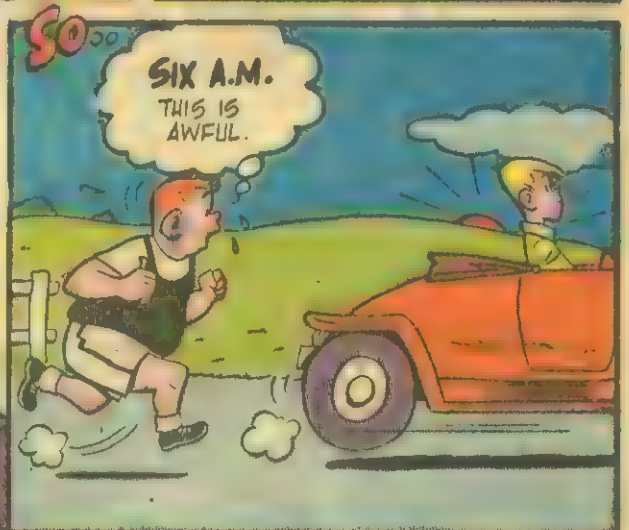
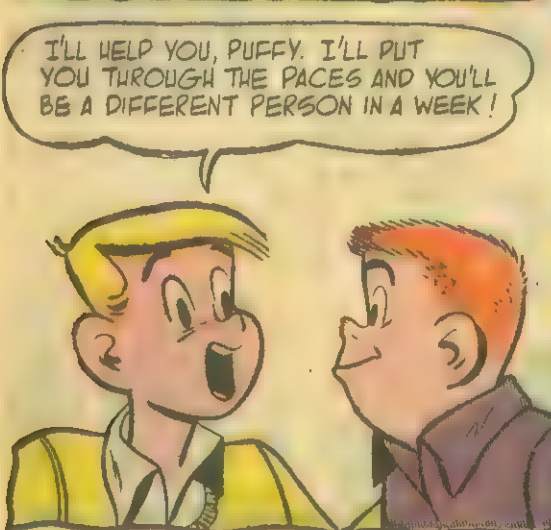
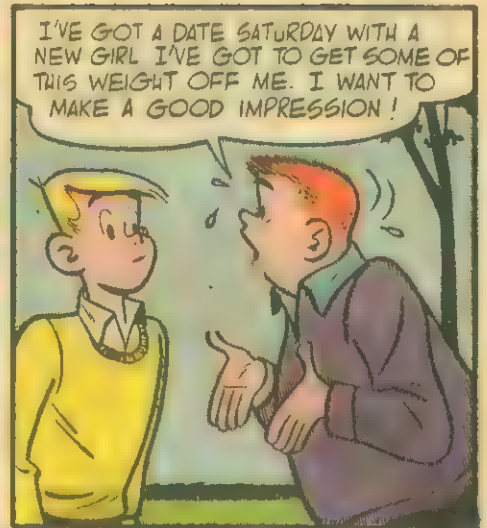
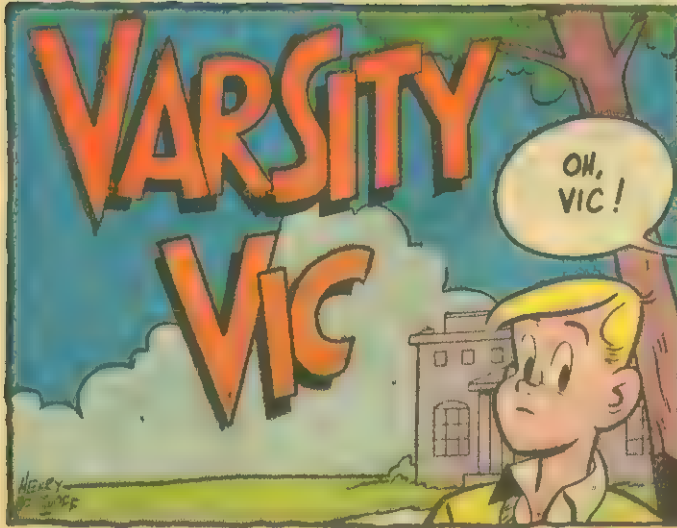
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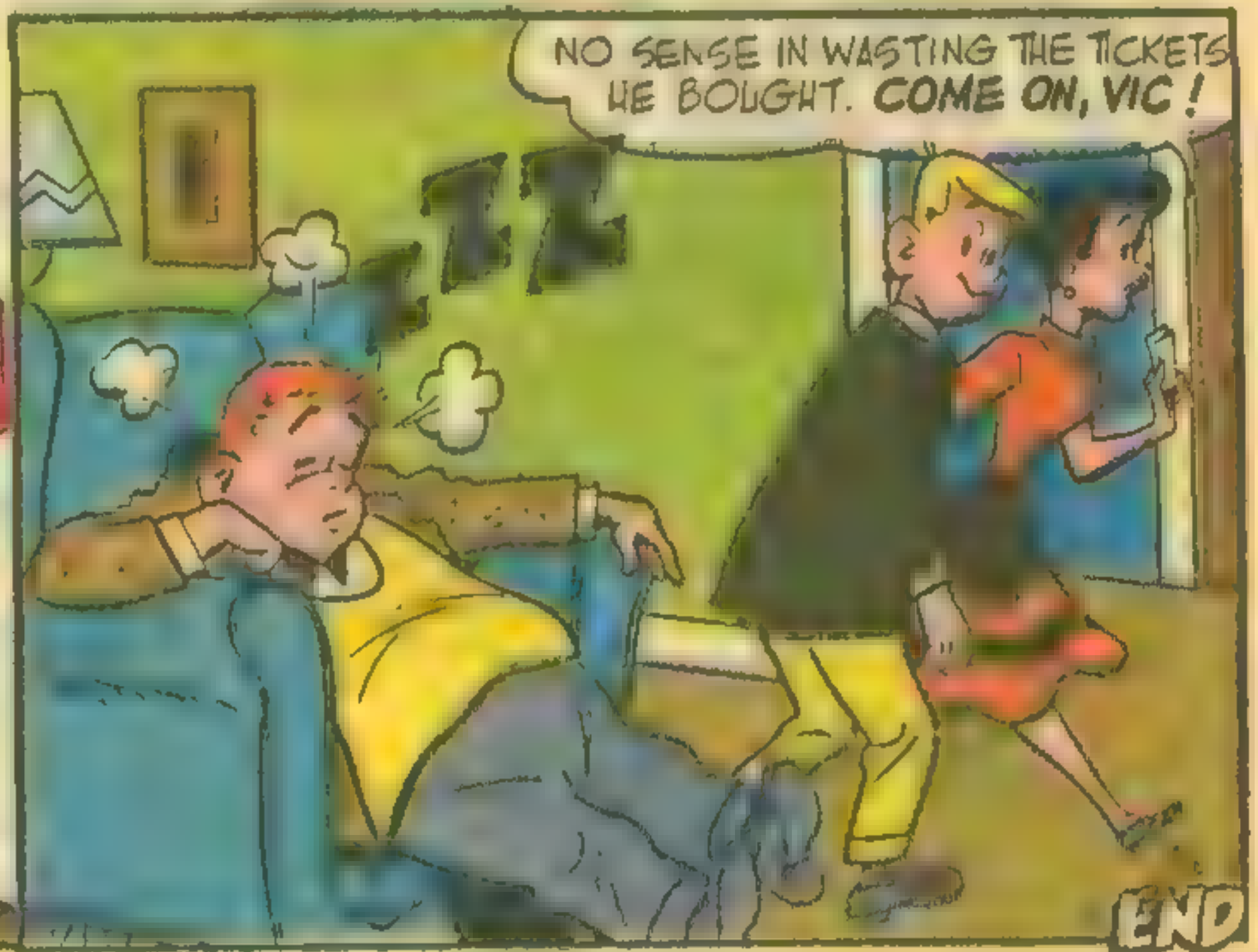
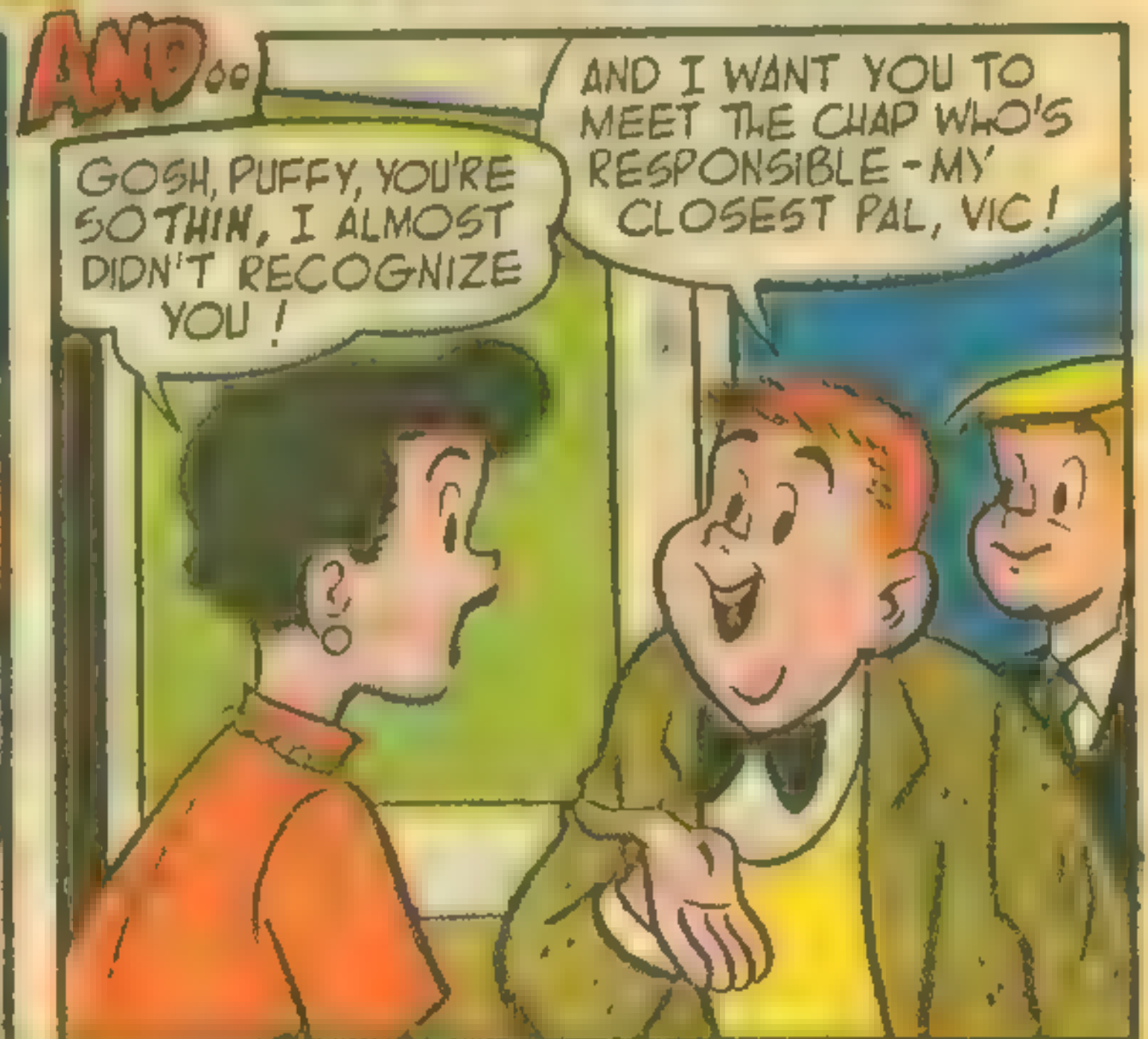
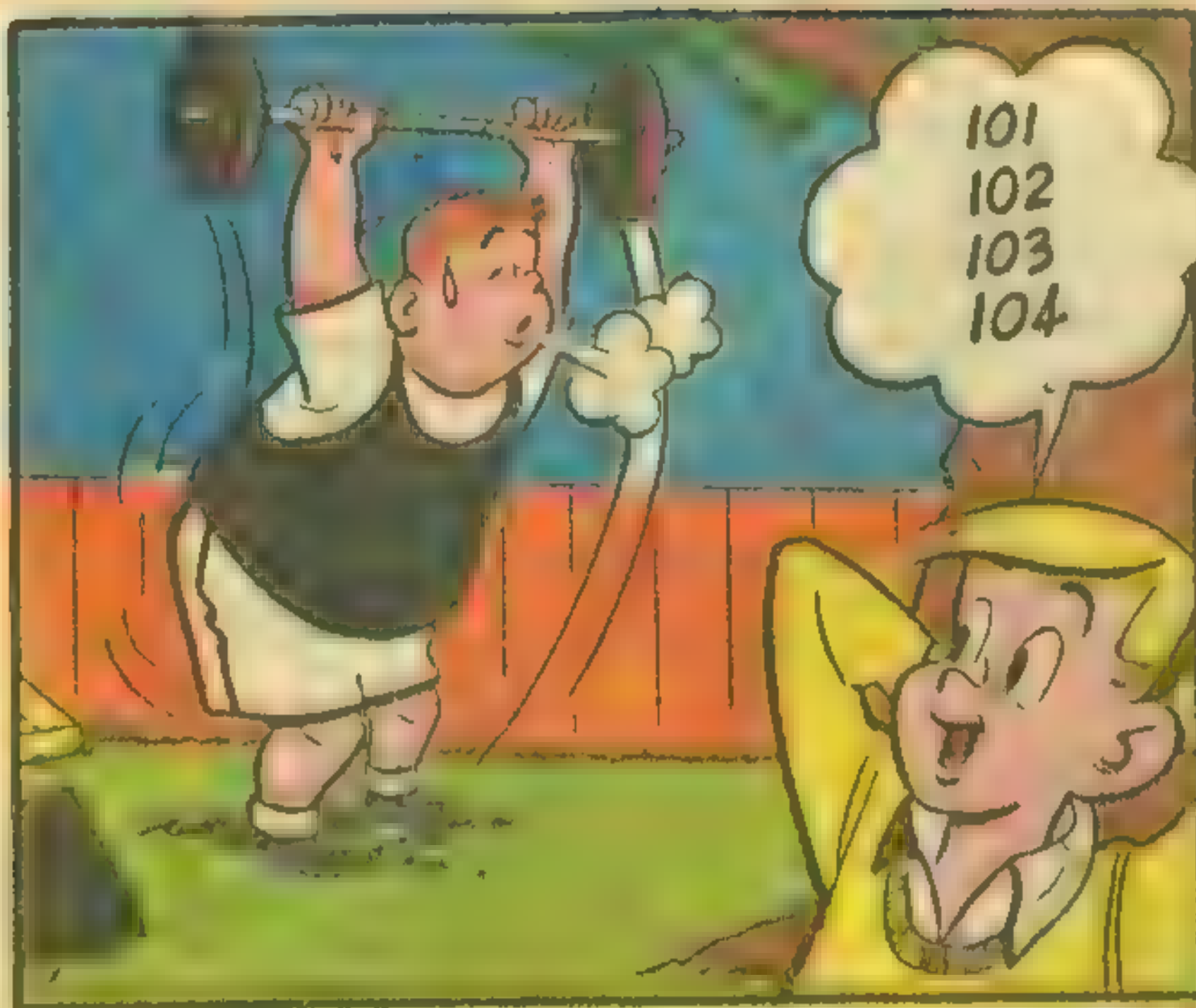


BATMAN





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ORIGINALLY, THE PATROLMAN WAS SUPPOSED TO WALK HIS BEAT AND BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND VACANT LOTS, ... AND IN ADDITION, GET TO KNOW THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA HE PATROLLED! HOWEVER, THE WORD "PATROLMAN" IS FAST BECOMING LITTLE MORE THAN A DESIGNATION OF RANK AND **NO LONGER DESCRIBES THE TYPE OF WORK THE POLICEMAN DOES!**

Patrolman!

TODAY, LARGE NUMBERS OF PATROLMEN ARE ASSIGNED AS SECURITY GUARDS TO COURTS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BASEBALL PARKS AND PARADES! THESE SPECIAL GUARDS AND SPECIAL SQUADS **NO LONGER ACTUALLY PATROL!**



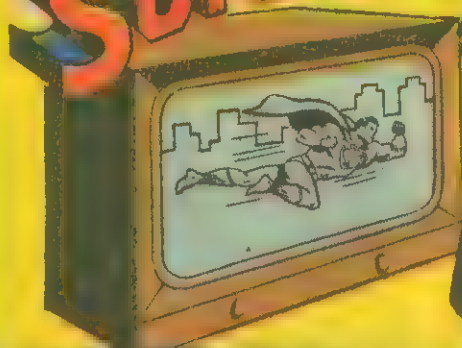
These SPECIAL SQUADS, WHICH STARTED OUT AS DETACHMENTS OF A FEW PATROLMEN ARE TODAY **HUGE IN SIZE!** NEW YORK CITY, FOR INSTANCE, HAS SQUADS WHICH ARE **COMPLETE DEPARTMENTS IN THEMSELVES**, SUCH AS THE TRAFFIC SQUADS, PICK-POCKET AND AVIATION POLICE SQUADS!



THUS, FROM THE SMALL PATROL HAS DEVELOPED THE LARGE POLICE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS ITS DETECTIVES, CAPTAINS, LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS AS WELL AS THE ORDINARY PATROLMAN, WHO, DUE TO **CONSPICUOUS HEROISM**, IS OCCASIONALLY ADVANCED TO THE GRADE OF DETECTIVE!



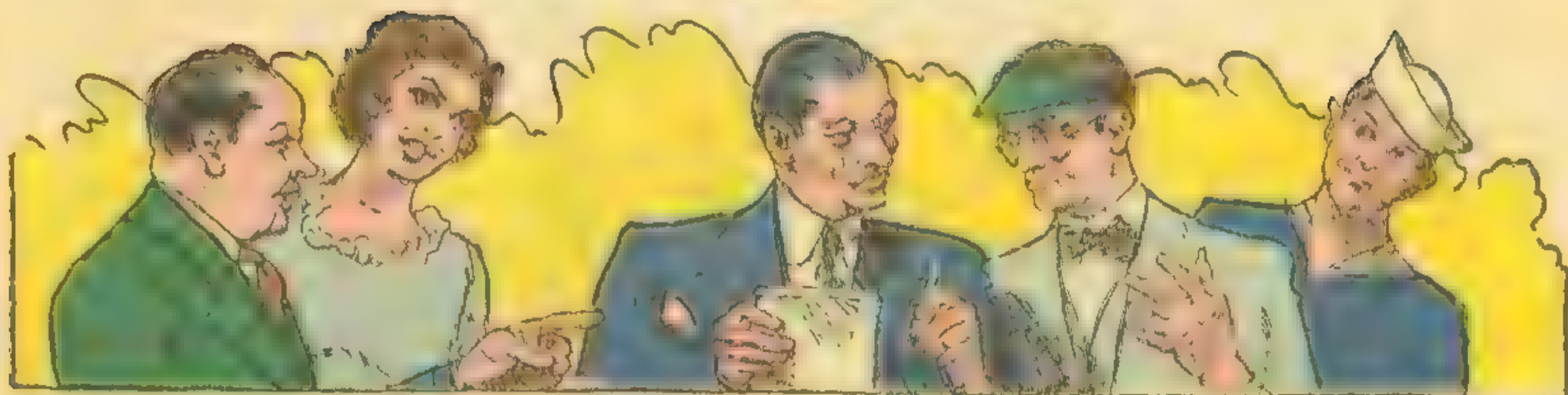
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COP-ARTIST



Pad and Pencil Are His Weapons in the Fight Against Crime

THE three men who had witnessed the cold-blooded killing on 18th Street were too excited trying to give correct answers to the questioning detective to notice the small, thin man seated in a corner of the room at headquarters. Nor did the small, thin man seem to notice the witnesses.

Instead, he kept his eyes glued to a large sketch pad in his lap, and appeared to be doing nothing more important than doodling.

Meanwhile, the questioning continued.

"This first witness described the killer as being about five feet eleven inches, weighing about 200 pounds, blue eyes, dark brown hair, heavy chin. Is that the way you'd describe him?"

The second witness pursed his lips, gave the question some thought.

"Mmm, yes, except that his eyes were more green than blue, and 200 pounds is too heavy. I'd say he was closer to 175!"

The detective now turned to the third witness. "How about you?"

"I agree with their description, only they left out an important thing: he had short legs—too short for his body. I don't know why I noticed that, but I did!"

The detective nodded, approvingly. "Fine! Now if you three gentlemen will just wait a moment . . ." Without completing his sentence, the detective crossed to the small, thin man and bent low to peer at the sketch pad in his lap.

A minute later, the thin man looked up and without a word handed the detective the pad. The detective returned to the three waiting witnesses, and abruptly held up the pad.

The witnesses gulped and gasped. And, almost as one man, they shouted: "That's the man!"

The detective turned to the thin man, smiled and nodded. The thin man walked out.

As the witnesses began to leave, one of them turned to the detective.

"Who was he—a witness, too? I guess he must be, to sketch that killer so faithfully!"

The detective had the door open to let the last witness out.

"No," he said, "he's a police artist. That sketch was drawn from the descriptions you witnesses just supplied!"

There is a sequel to this incident. A few days later, a police officer caught a swift

glimpse of a familiar face near a pier. As he unobtrusively approached the man, he wracked his brain for an identification. Suddenly it clicked—the police artist's drawing! Half an hour later, the killer was behind prison bars.

And another victory for the cop-artist was chalked up at police headquarters.

The police artist's job seems like an enviable one, but it isn't half as easy as it looks. Even a good artist needs a model to work from. The police artist must accurately sketch a portrait of someone he has never seen. And to make matters worse, most witnesses, unlike those in the story above, disagree about what they have seen.

To give an oversimplified illustration, two men testify as to the height of a wanted criminal. One witness describes the wanted man as a tall man. The other witness is just as definitely certain that the wanted man is a short man! Why the disparity?

The answer is simple. The first witness was shorter than the wanted man he had seen. The second witness was taller! The police artist must be astute enough to take into account the natural distortions of which eye-witnesses are always guilty.

What qualifications must one have in order to become a police artist? First of all, he must know anatomy—particularly the head. He should have a flair for free-hand drawing, and be speedy about it. But most important of all, he should be an expert listener.

As one authority put it, he must have a good ear for details. The cop-artist must draw his sketches while listening to a verbal description by an eye-witness. His ear must tell him, in an instant, about the reliability of the eye-witness. He should be able to detect the difference in tone of an

eye-witness who has seen very little of the wanted criminal, but wants to be helpful just the same. Such eye-witnesses are the worst nuisances.

Then, there are little tricks he must learn. For instance, experience will teach him that, generally speaking, women make better eye-witnesses than men—especially when it comes to describing other women. In all cases, the tone of voice used will tell him how certain they are of their descriptions.

Recently, a man spotted a hood leaving the scene of a hold-up. Later, when he tried to give the police artist a description of the thief, he admitted that his glimpse was only a fleeting one.

"Besides," he added, "it was pretty dark outside."

But the police artist was optimistic. "Just do the best you can. Now, were his eyes close together, or wide apart?"

Step by step, the artist reconstructed the features on his sketch pad, laboriously digging out the answers from the hesitant eye-witness.

But when the artist completed the portrait and showed it to the eye-witness, the latter gasped:

"Why, I know this man! And, come to think of it, I know that crook! He lives just down the street from me!"

The eye-witness had been too excited at the time of the hold-up to think clearly and calmly, and in his excitement, had failed to consciously recognize the fleeing criminal. But an indelible impression had been made on his subconscious, and what the artist did was to drag the description out of the eye-witness' subconscious, thus enabling the latter to identify the thief.

—John Mabely



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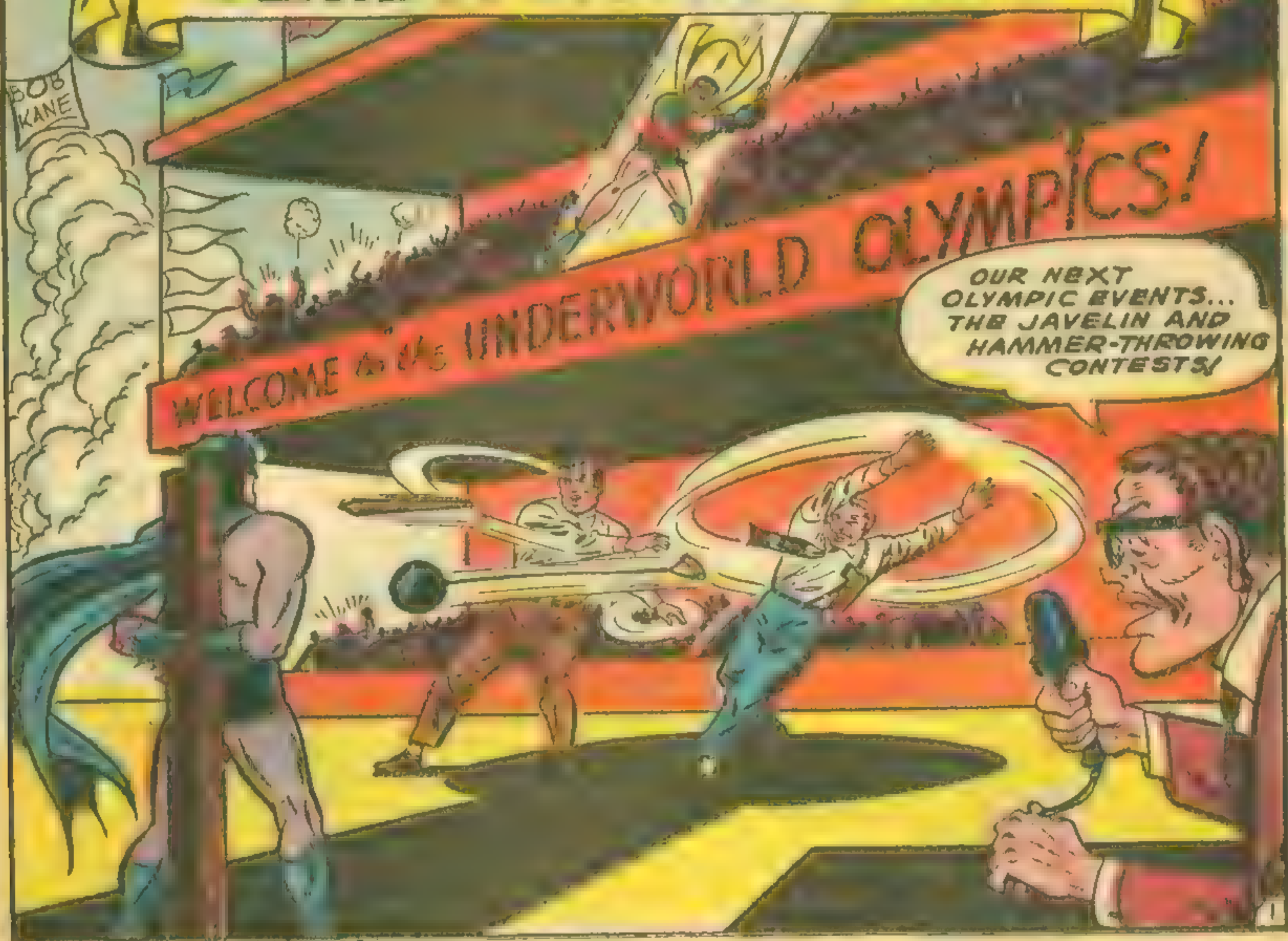


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With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

WHO IS THE MOST SKILLFUL SAFECRACKER OF THE UNDERWORLD?... THE BOLDEST BANDIT?... THE TOP THIEF? THAT QUESTION'S DECIDED WHEN THE STRANGEST SPORTS CONTEST IN HISTORY IS STAGED -- A CONTEST TO DECIDE THE CHAMPIONS OF CRIME! AND THOSE TWO CHAMPION LAWMEN, BATMAN AND ROBIN, NEED ALL THEIR DARING DETECTIVE GENIUS TO FIGHT THE SINISTER SCHEME BEHIND...

The OLYMPIC GAMES of CRIME!

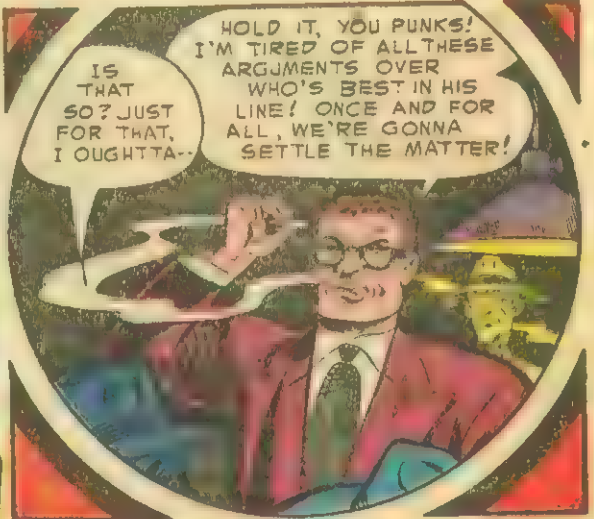




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WHEN CONCEITED CRIMINALS GET TOGETHER, MANY AN ARGUMENT DEVELOPS OVER WHO'S THE GREATEST...



AND CRIME CHIEF "DIMPLES" DREW OUTLINES A PLAN DESTINED TO TEAR GOTHAM CITY WIDE OPEN...

WE'LL HOLD AN **OLYMPIC GAMES OF CRIME**, RIGHT HERE IN GOTHAM CITY, TO DECIDE WHO'S THE BEST CRACKSMAN, SHOPLIFTER, BURGLAR, BANDIT, AND SO ON! THE WINNER WILL WIN A HUGE PRIZE!

GREAT IDEA, DIMPLES! WE'LL PASS THE WORD AROUND... IT'LL ATTRACT CROOKS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!



BUT, DIMPLES... THIS CRIME-OLYMPICS WILL ATTRACT **BATMAN**, TOO-- AND HE'S BEEN AFTER YOU A LONG TIME!

HE'LL NEVER GET THE EVIDENCE HE NEEDS TO PUT ME AWAY, HOWIE! WHAT'S MORE, THIS CRIME-OLYMPICS WILL END **BATMAN'S** CAREER FOREVER, AND GET **US** A FORTUNE, TOO!



BEFORE LONG, CROOKS FROM ALL OVER POUR INTO GOTHAM CITY, GREEDY FOR PRIZE MONEY AND EAGER TO DISPLAY THEIR SKILL...

REMEMBER-- EACH OF YOU MUST PAY AN ENTRY-FEE OF TEN GRAND IN SPECIAL TYPES OF LOOT! THE EVENT-WINNERS WILL COMPETE IN A FINAL **SPECIAL** EVENT, FOR **ALL** THE LOOT! GOOD LUCK IN RAISING THE ENTRY-FEE!



WE'LL RAISE IT! THAT GRAND PRIZE WILL BE A MILLION!

WITHIN HOURS, AN UNPRECEDENTED BLAST OF CRIME STAGGERS GOTHAM CITY!

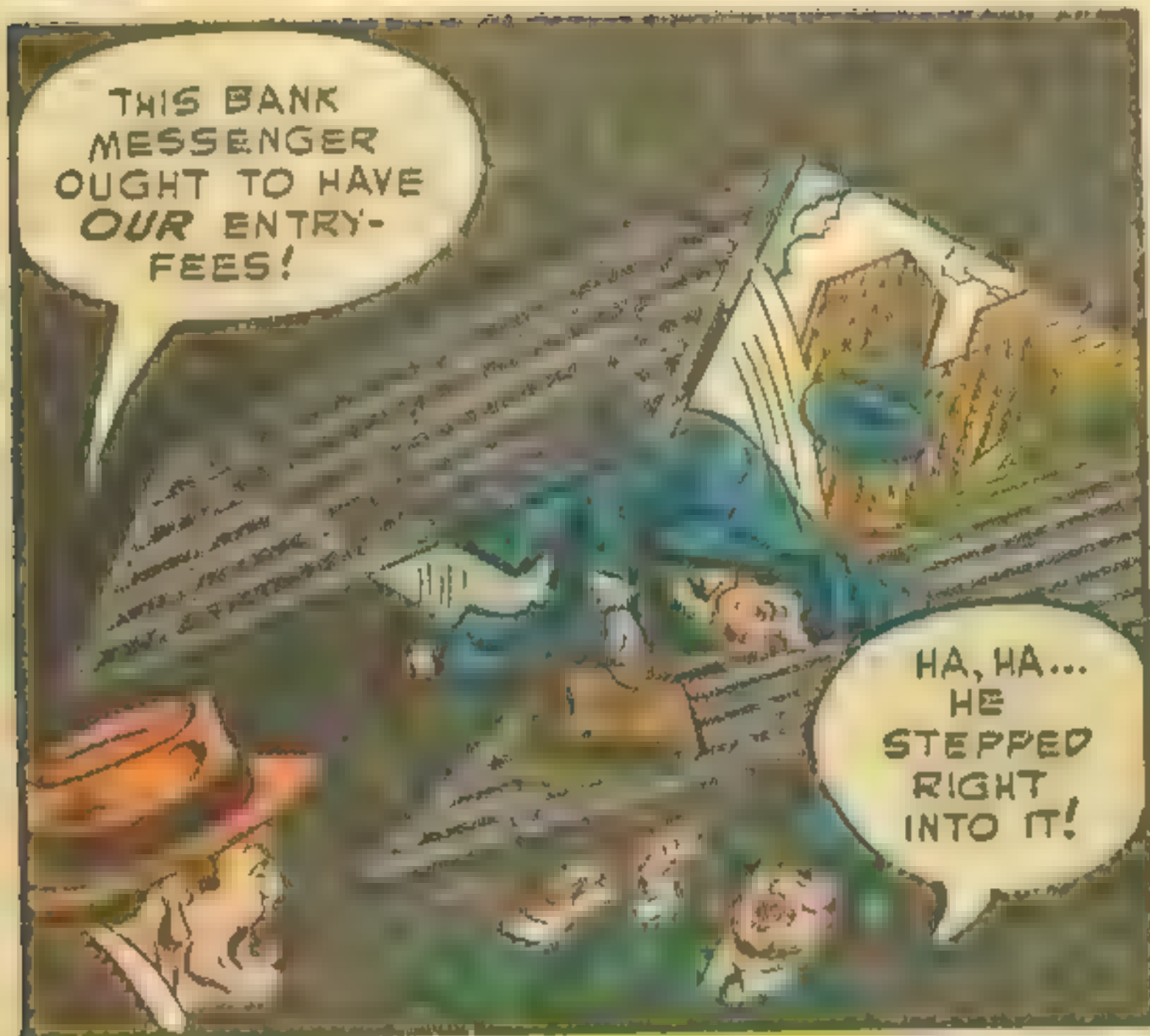
THIS DENTAL GOLD IS WHAT DIMPLES TOLD US TO GET!

YEAH-- IT'LL BE ENOUGH TO PAY ALL OUR ENTRY-FEES IN THE OLYMPICS!

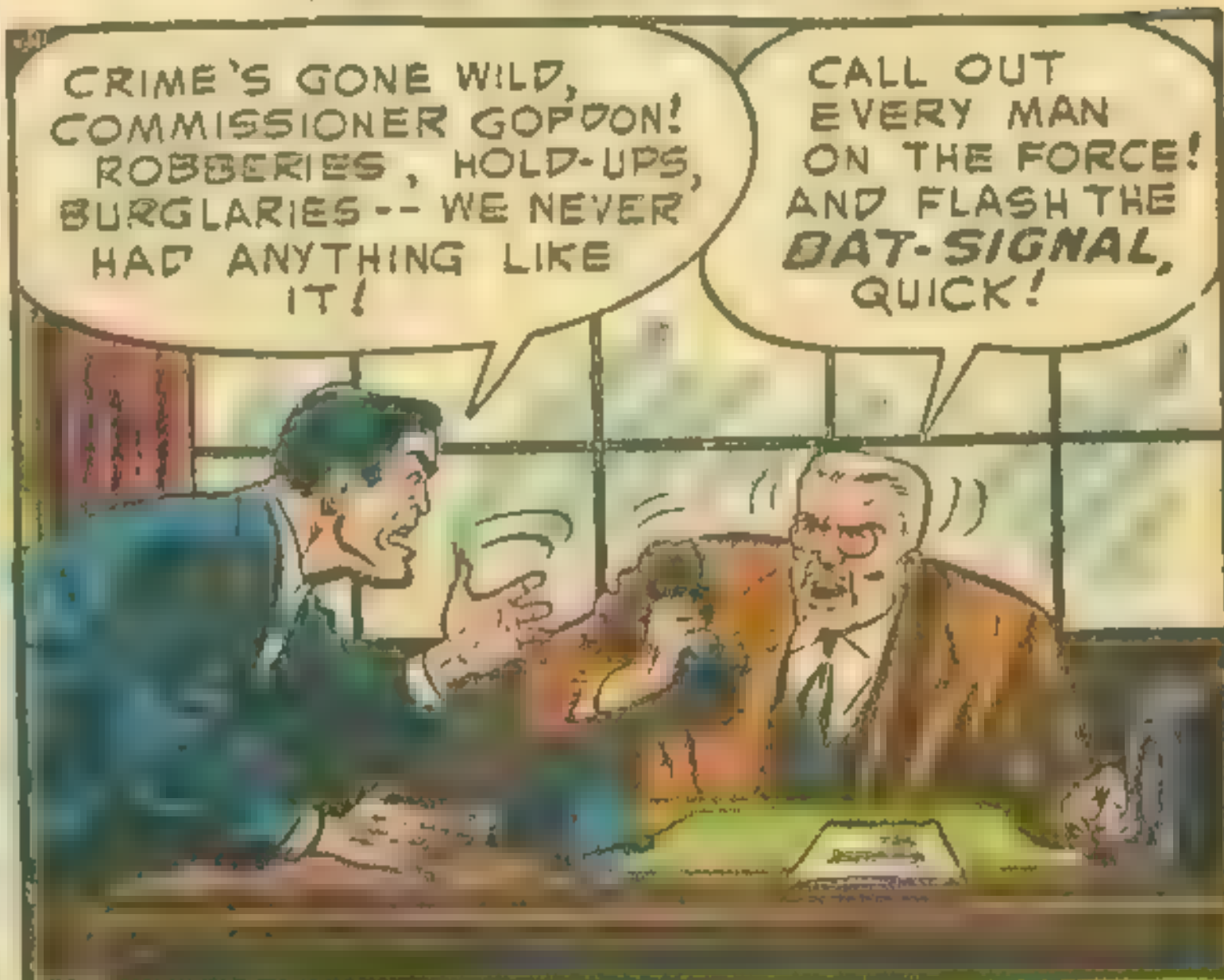




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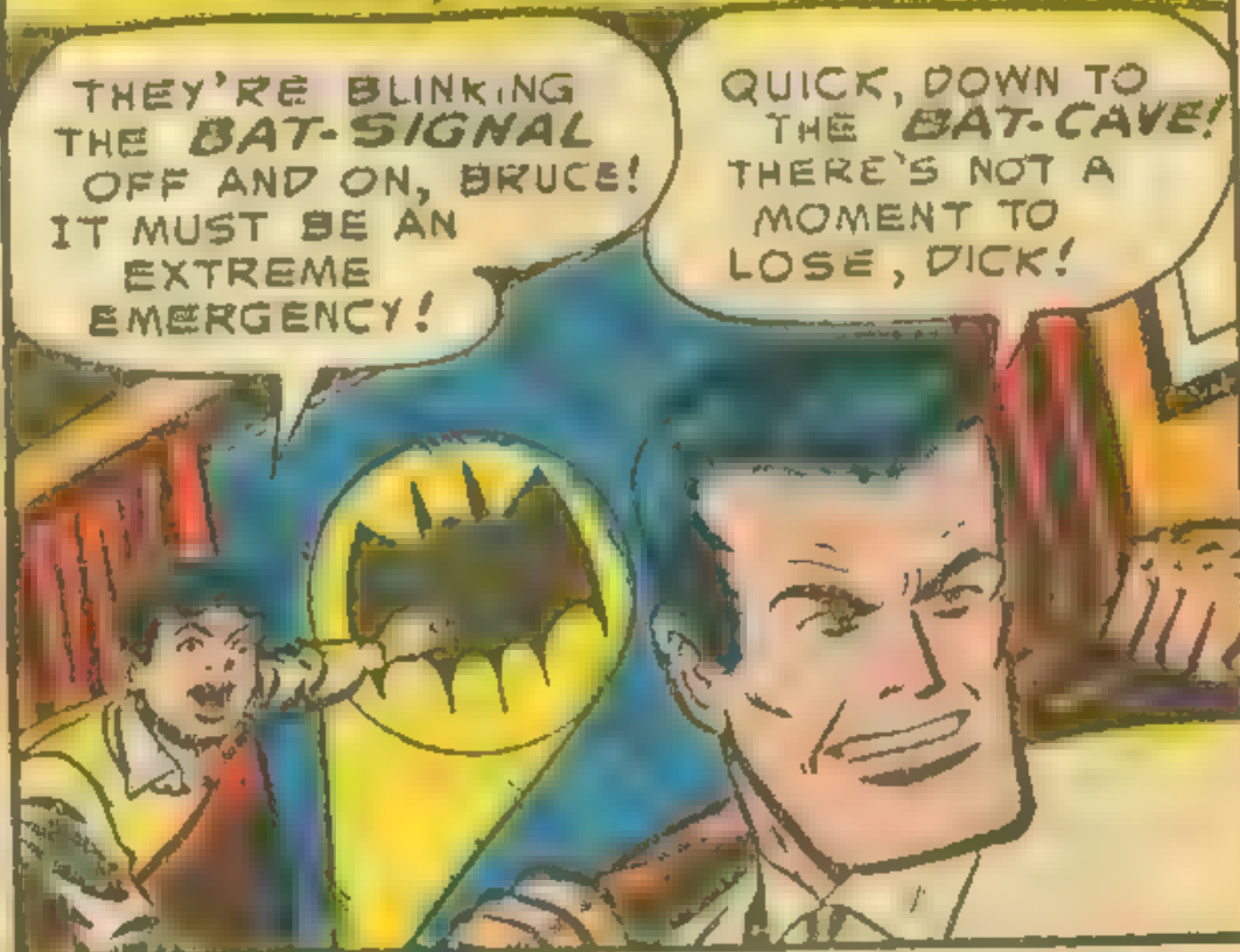
AND AS ALARMS START POURING INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



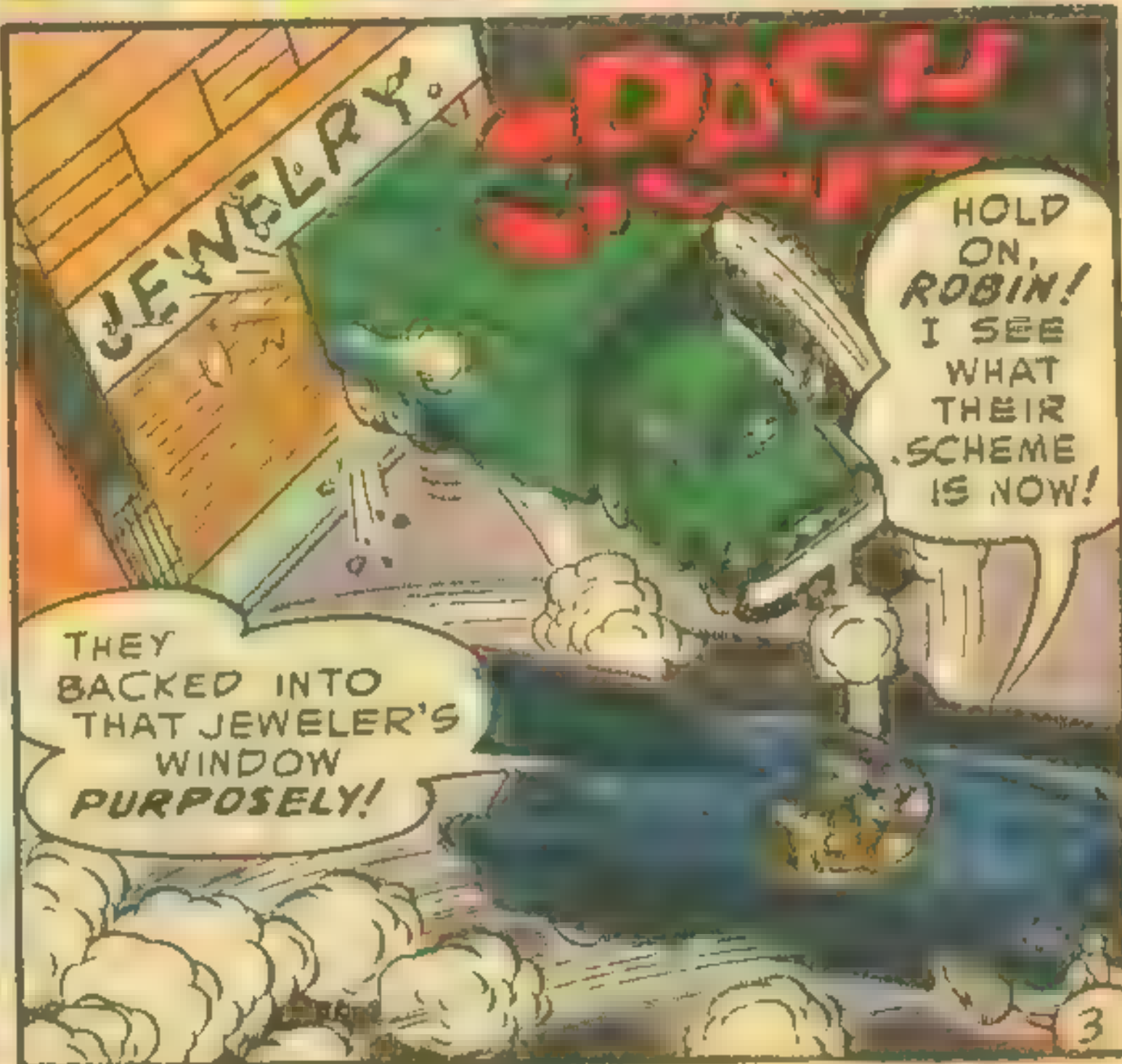
MOMENTS LATER, IN DIMPLES PREW'S HIDEOUT...



AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



AND AS THE MIGHTY **BATMOBILE** ROARS INTO THE GREAT CITY...

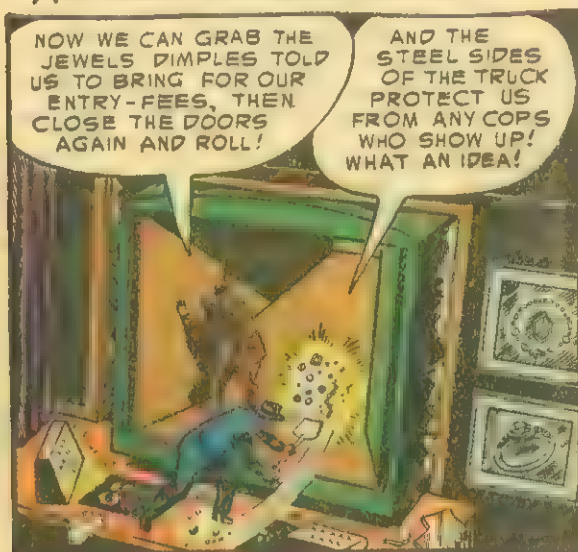




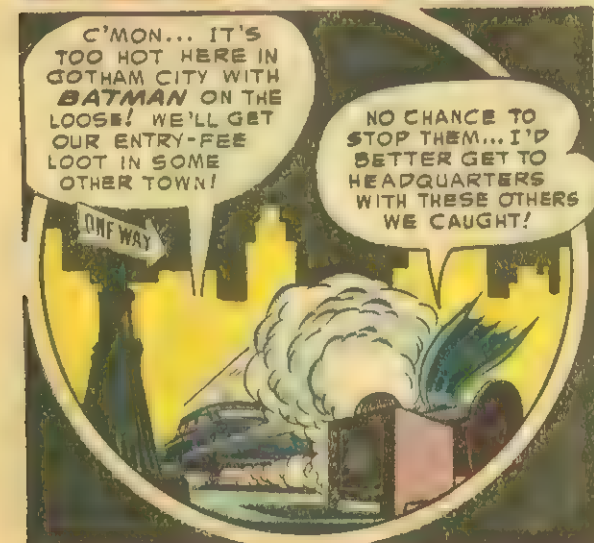
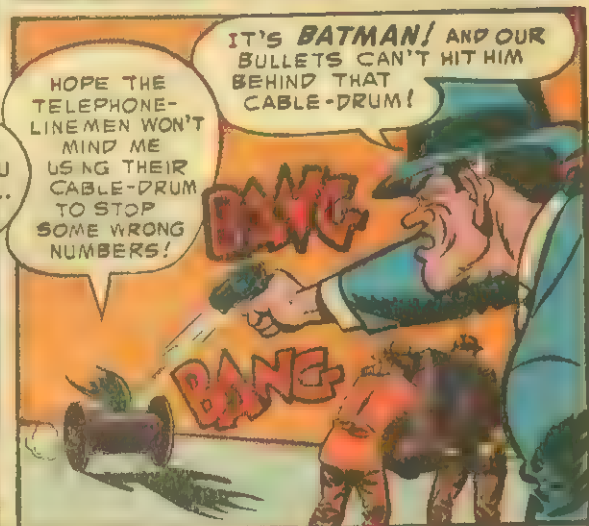
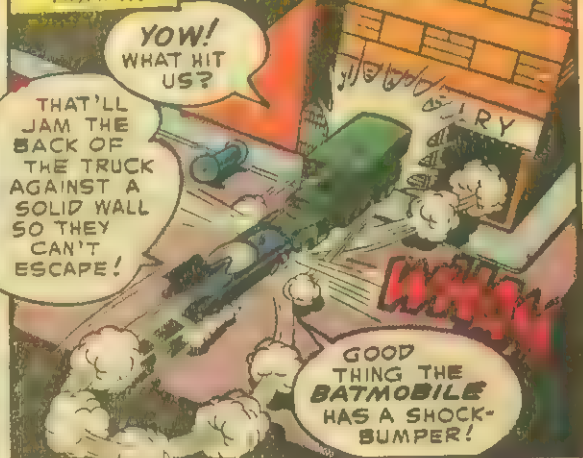
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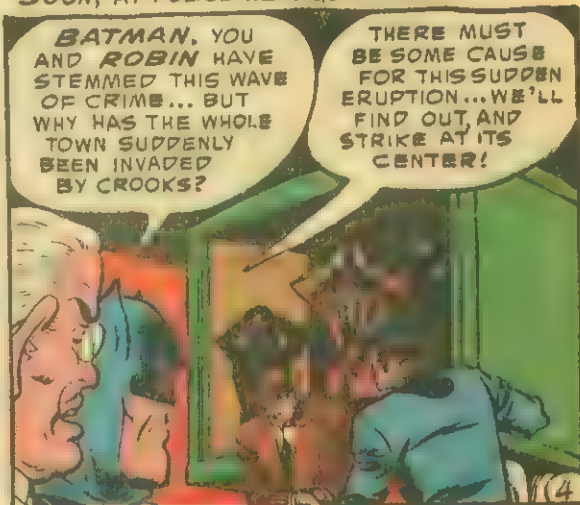
AND INSIDE THE MASSIVE VEHICLE...



BUT AS THE SMASH-AND-GRABBERS START AWAY...



SOON, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

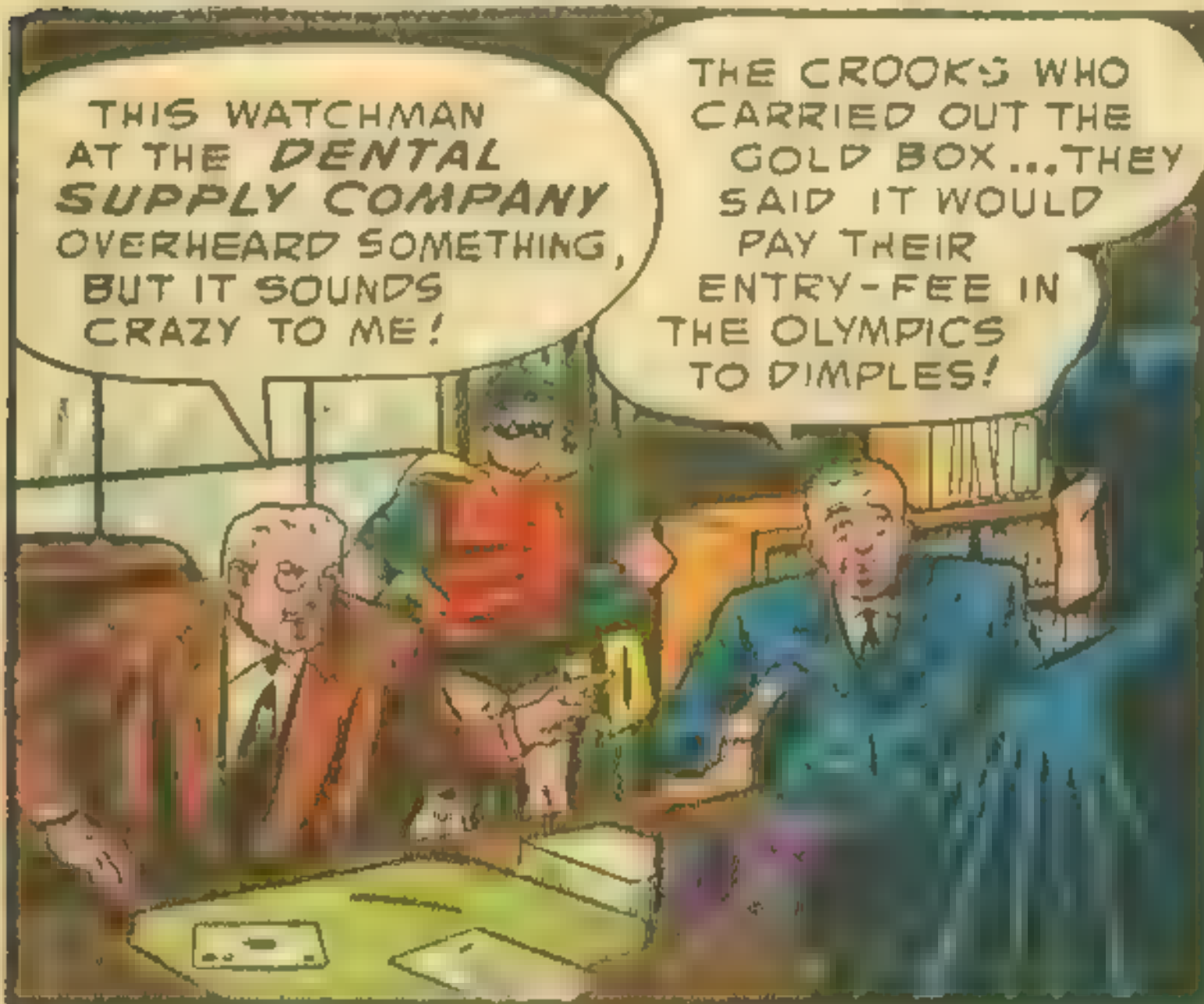




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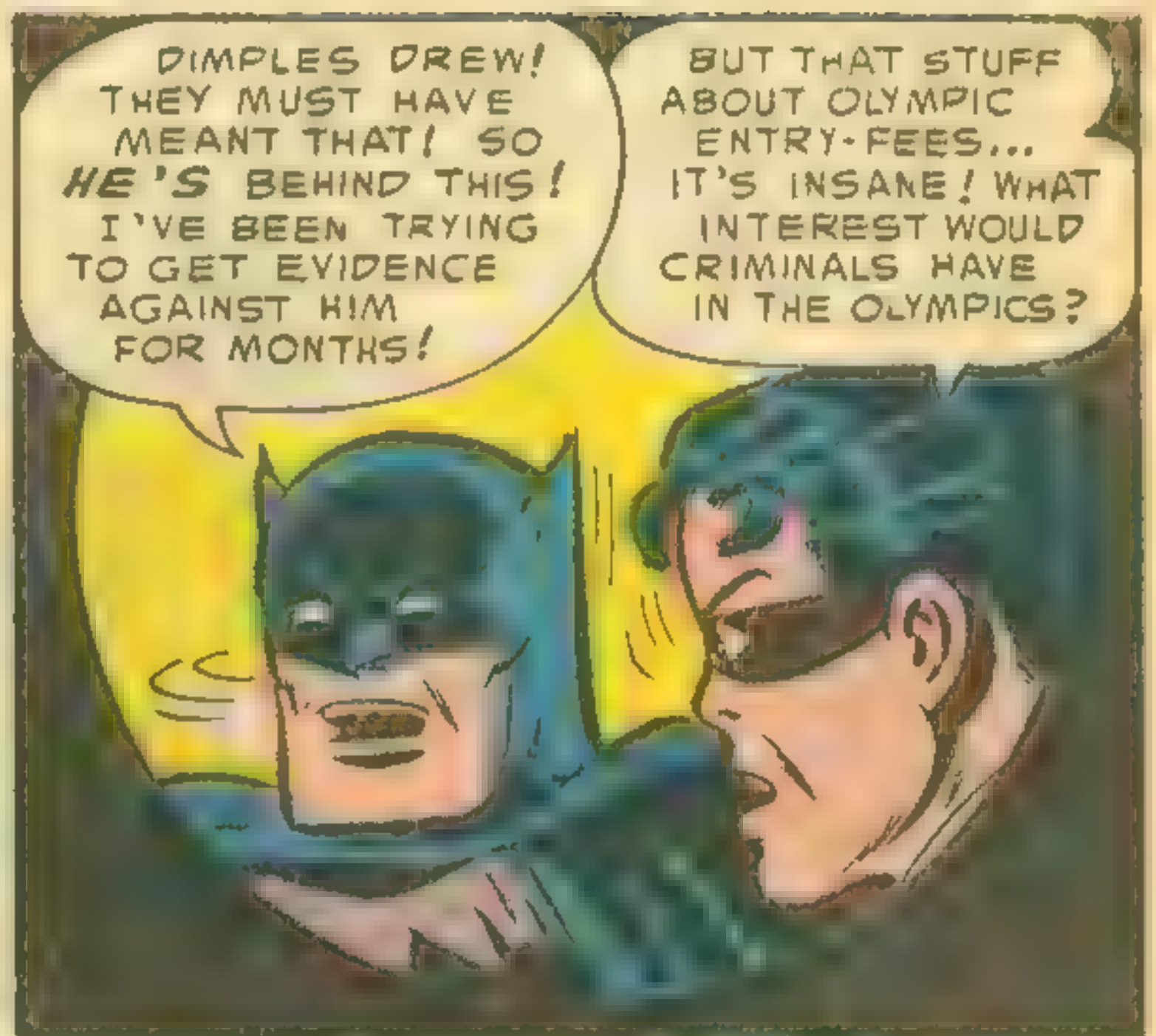


AND IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...



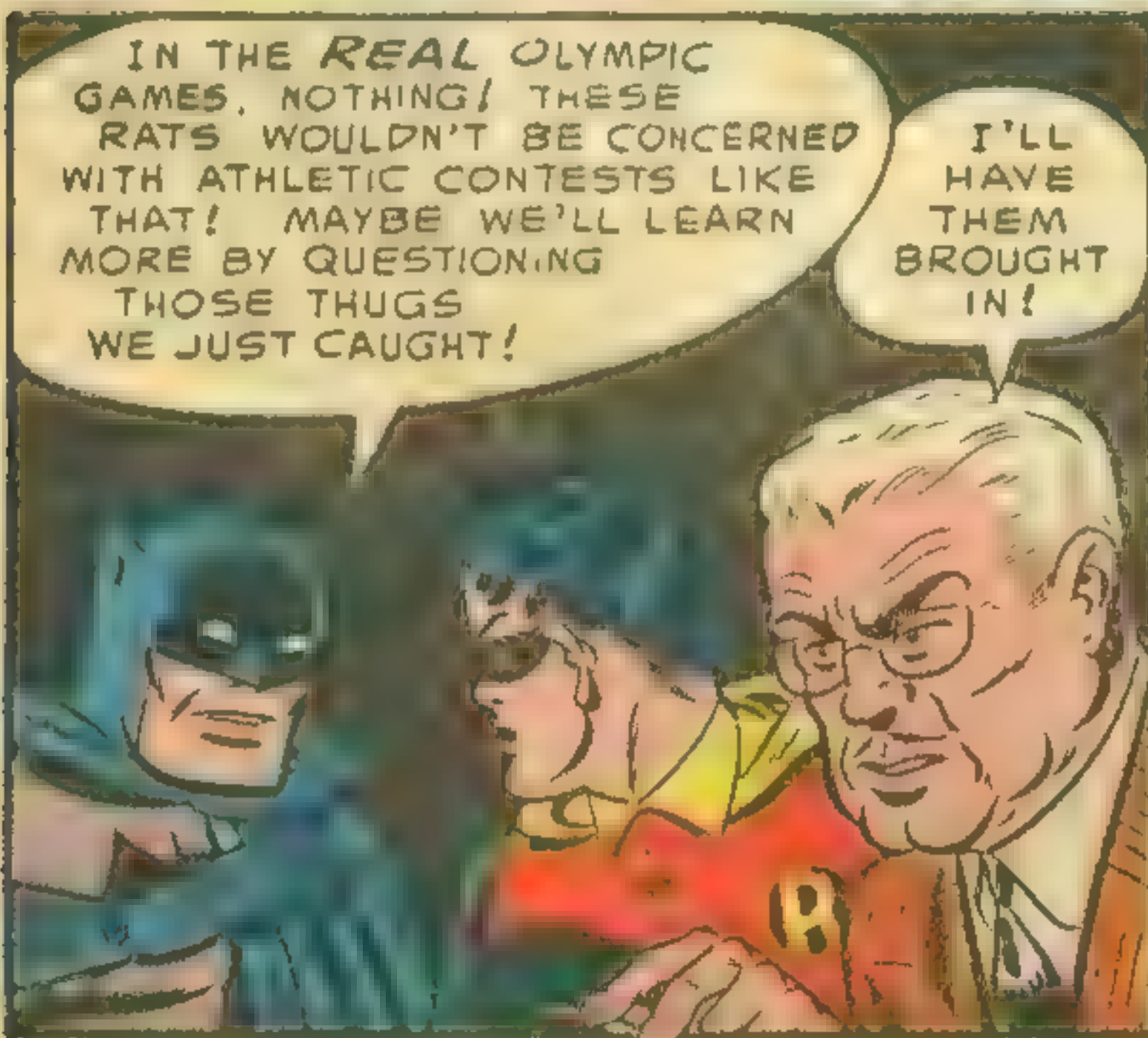
THIS WATCHMAN AT THE **DENTAL SUPPLY COMPANY** OVERHEARD SOMETHING, BUT IT SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME!

THE CROOKS WHO CARRIED OUT THE GOLD BOX...THEY SAID IT WOULD PAY THEIR ENTRY-FEE IN THE OLYMPICS TO DIMPLES!



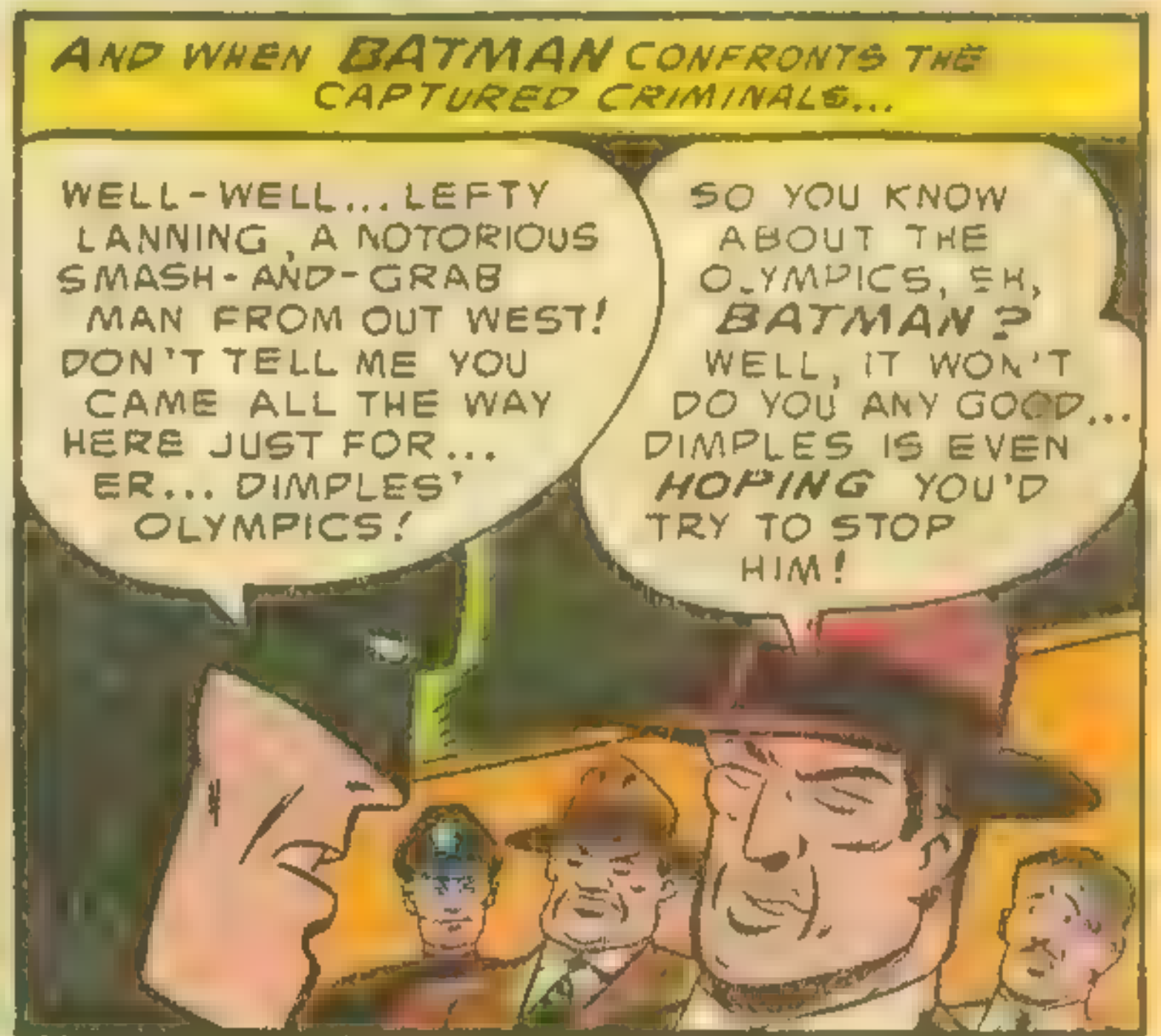
DIMPLES DREW! THEY MUST HAVE MEANT THAT! SO **HE'S** BEHIND THIS! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM FOR MONTHS!

BUT THAT STUFF ABOUT OLYMPIC ENTRY-FEES... IT'S INSANE! WHAT INTEREST WOULD CRIMINALS HAVE IN THE OLYMPICS?



IN THE **REAL** OLYMPIC GAMES, NOTHING! THESE RATS WOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH ATHLETIC CONTESTS LIKE THAT! MAYBE WE'LL LEARN MORE BY QUESTIONING THOSE THUGS WE JUST CAUGHT!

I'LL HAVE THEM BROUGHT IN!



AND WHEN **BATMAN** CONFRONTS THE CAPTURED CRIMINALS...

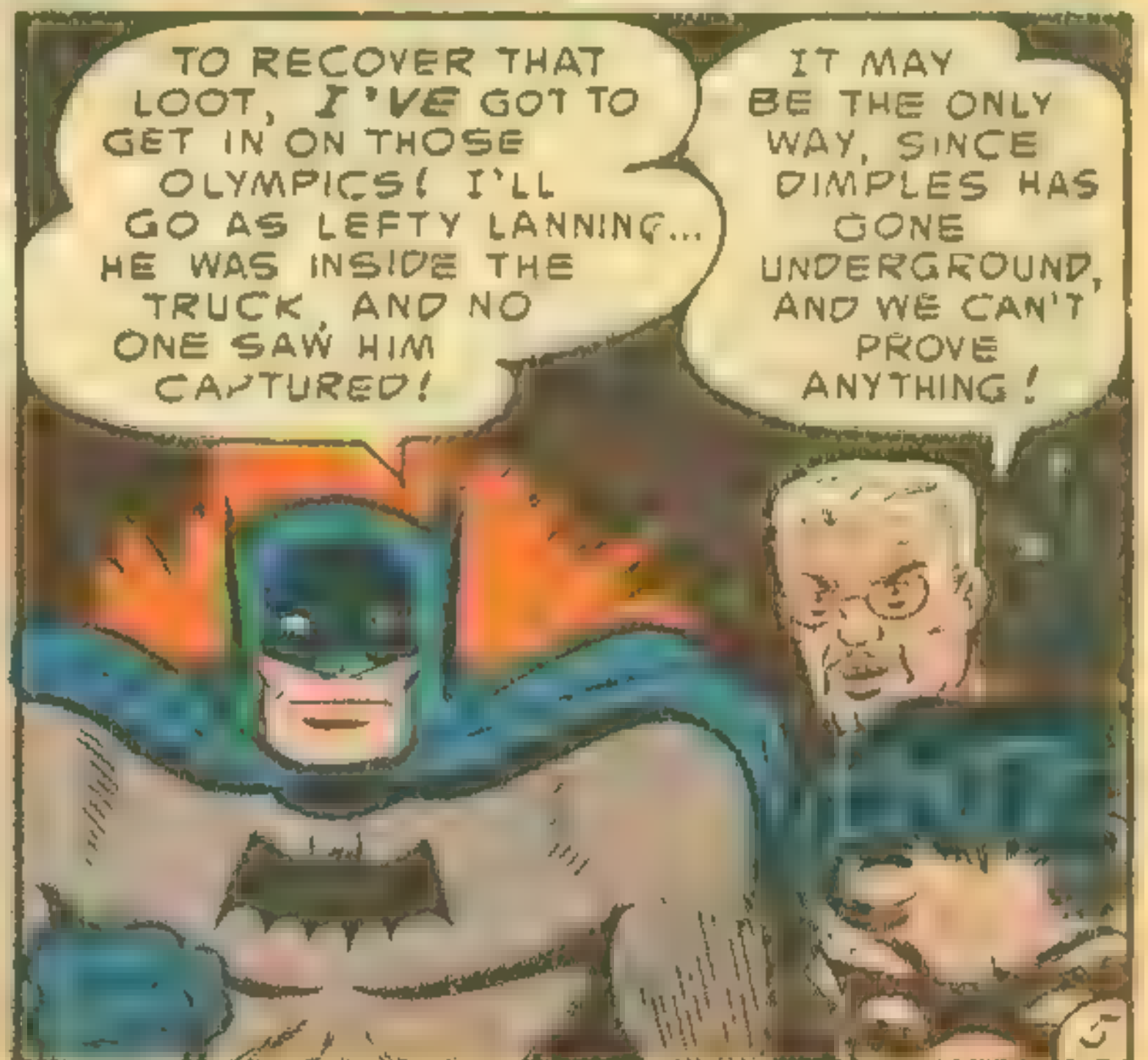
WELL-WELL... LEFTY LANNING, A NOTORIOUS SMASH-AND-GRAB MAN FROM OUT WEST! DON'T TELL ME YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST FOR... ER... DIMPLES' OLYMPICS!

SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OLYMPICS, EH, **BATMAN**? WELL, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD... DIMPLES IS EVEN **HOPING** YOU'D TRY TO STOP HIM!



AN **OLYMPIC GAMES OF CRIME**? IT SOUNDS INCREDIBLE! THEY WOULDN'T DARE RISK IT!

THEY MIGHT, IF THE PRIZE WERE BIG ENOUGH! AND ALL THIS LOOT ADDS UP TO A FORTUNE!



TO RECOVER THAT LOOT, I'VE GOT TO GET IN ON THOSE OLYMPICS! I'LL GO AS LEFTY LANNING... HE WAS INSIDE THE TRUCK, AND NO ONE SAW HIM CAPTURED!

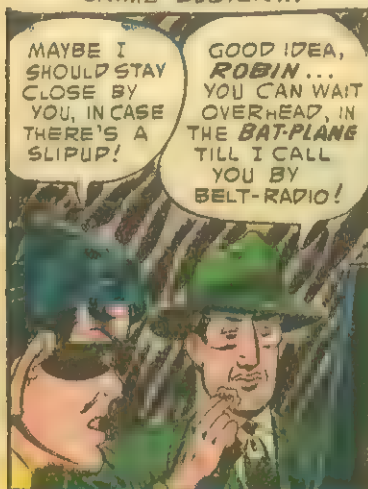
IT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY, SINCE DIMPLES HAS GONE UNDERGROUND, AND WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING!



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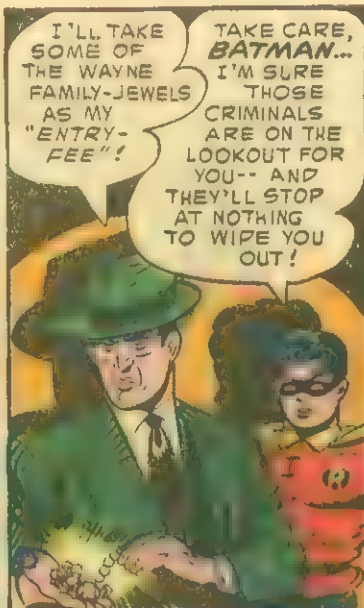
AFTERWARD, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE, MARVELOUS MAKEUP SKILL QUICKLY TRANSFORMS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER...



MAYBE I SHOULD STAY CLOSE BY YOU, IN CASE THERE'S A SLIPUP!

GOOD IDEA, ROBIN... YOU CAN WAIT OVERHEAD, IN THE BAT-PLANE TILL I CALL YOU BY BELT-RADIO!

I'LL TAKE SOME OF THE WAYNE FAMILY-JEWELS AS MY "ENTRY-FEE"!



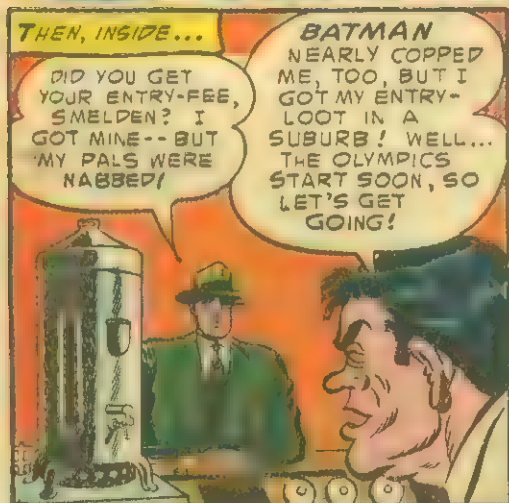
TAKE CARE, BATMAN... I'M SURE THOSE CRIMINALS ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOU-- AND THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO WIPE YOU OUT!

THUS, AWHILE LATER, AS "LEFTY LANNING" REACHES A WELL-KNOWN UNDERWORLD HAUNT...



THIS IS SWING SMELDEN'S HANGOUT-- AND FROM WHAT I HEARD HIM SAY, HE WAS AFTER HIS "ENTRY-FEE" WHEN I BROKE UP HIS RAID! SO HE'D KNOW WHERE THE OLYMPICS ARE BEING HELD!

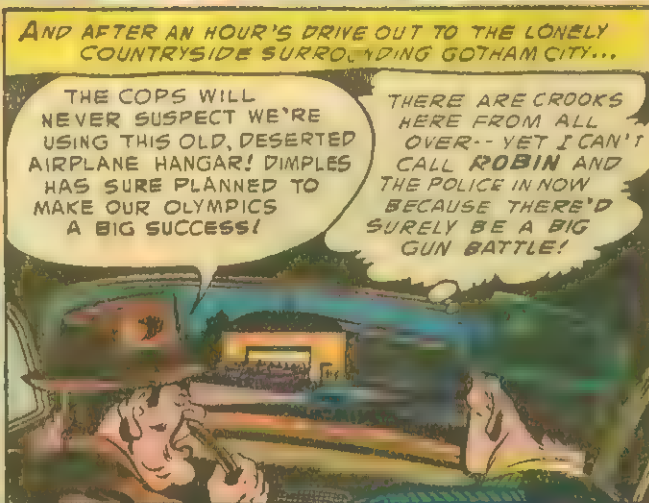
THEN, INSIDE...



DID YOU GET YOUR ENTRY-FEE, SMELDEN? I GOT MINE-- BUT MY PALS WERE NABBED!

BATMAN NEARLY COPPED ME, TOO, BUT I GOT MY ENTRY-LOOT IN A SUBURB! WELL... THE OLYMPICS START SOON, SO LET'S GET GOING!

AND AFTER AN HOUR'S DRIVE OUT TO THE LONELY COUNTRYSIDE SURROUNDING GOTHAM CITY...



THE COPS WILL NEVER SUSPECT WE'RE USING THIS OLD, DESERTED AIRPLANE HANGAR! DIMPLES HAS SURE PLANNED TO MAKE OUR OLYMPICS A BIG SUCCESS!

THERE ARE CROOKS HERE FROM ALL OVER-- YET I CAN'T CALL ROBIN AND THE POLICE IN NOW BECAUSE THERE'D SURELY BE A BIG GUN BATTLE!

IMPRESSIVE INDEED IS THE SETTING FOR THE GREAT OLYMPIC GAMES OF CRIME...



WE GOTTA PAY OUR ENTRY-FEE TO DIMPLES FIRST! COME ON, LEFTY!

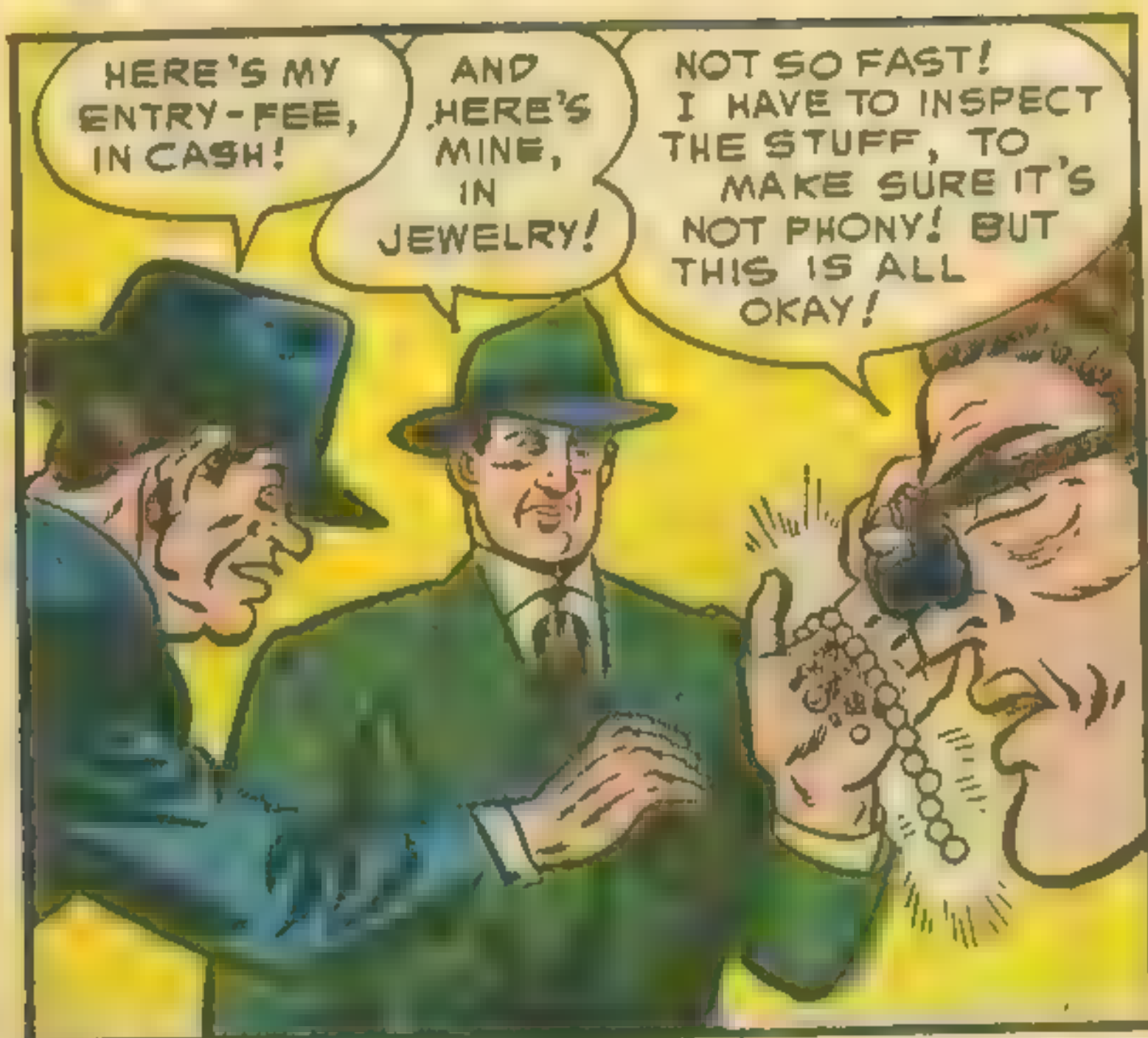
GEE, WHAT A CROWD OF BIG-SHOTS!

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SAFE CRACKERS MATCH
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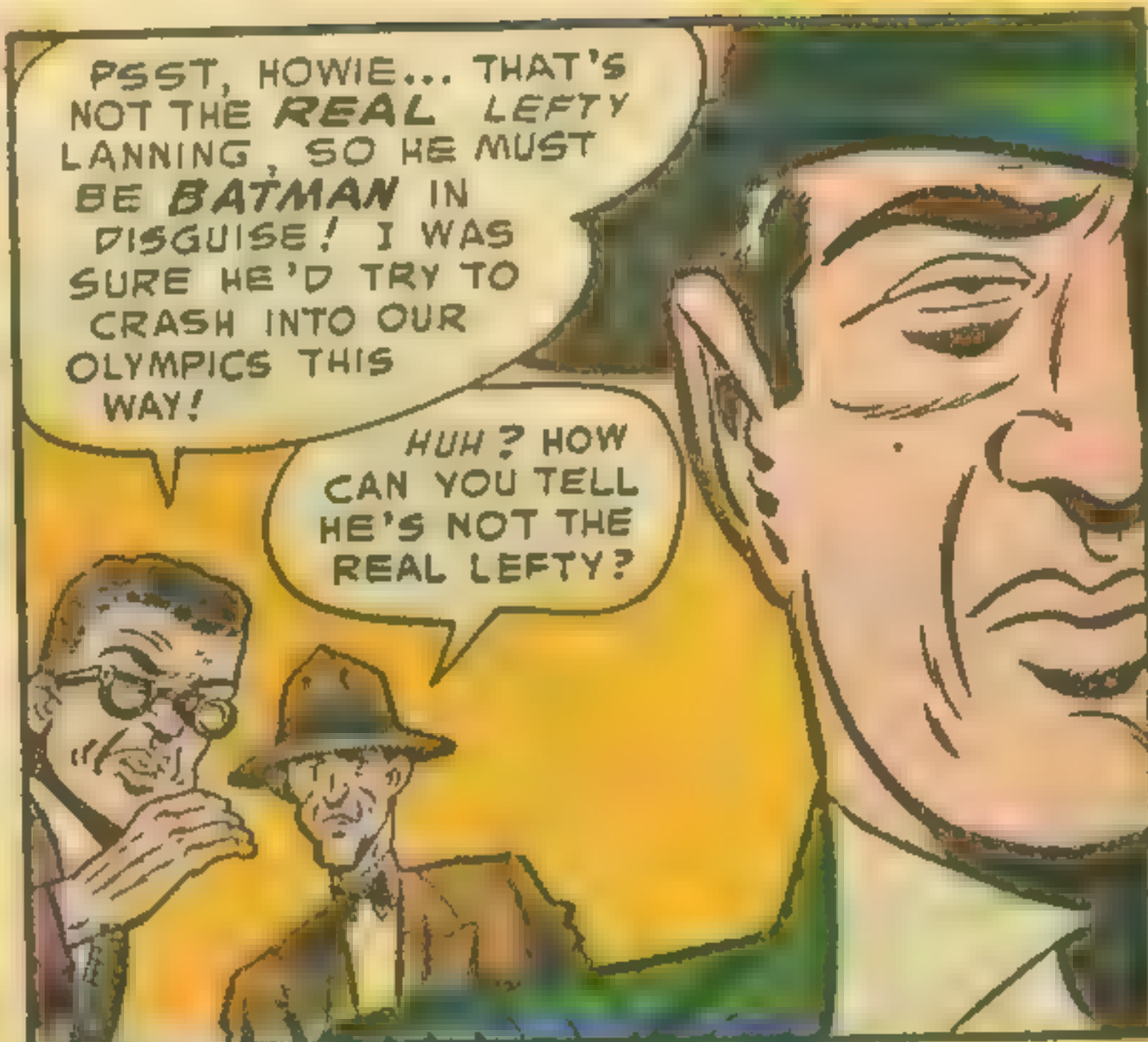
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HERE'S MY ENTRY-FEE, IN CASH!

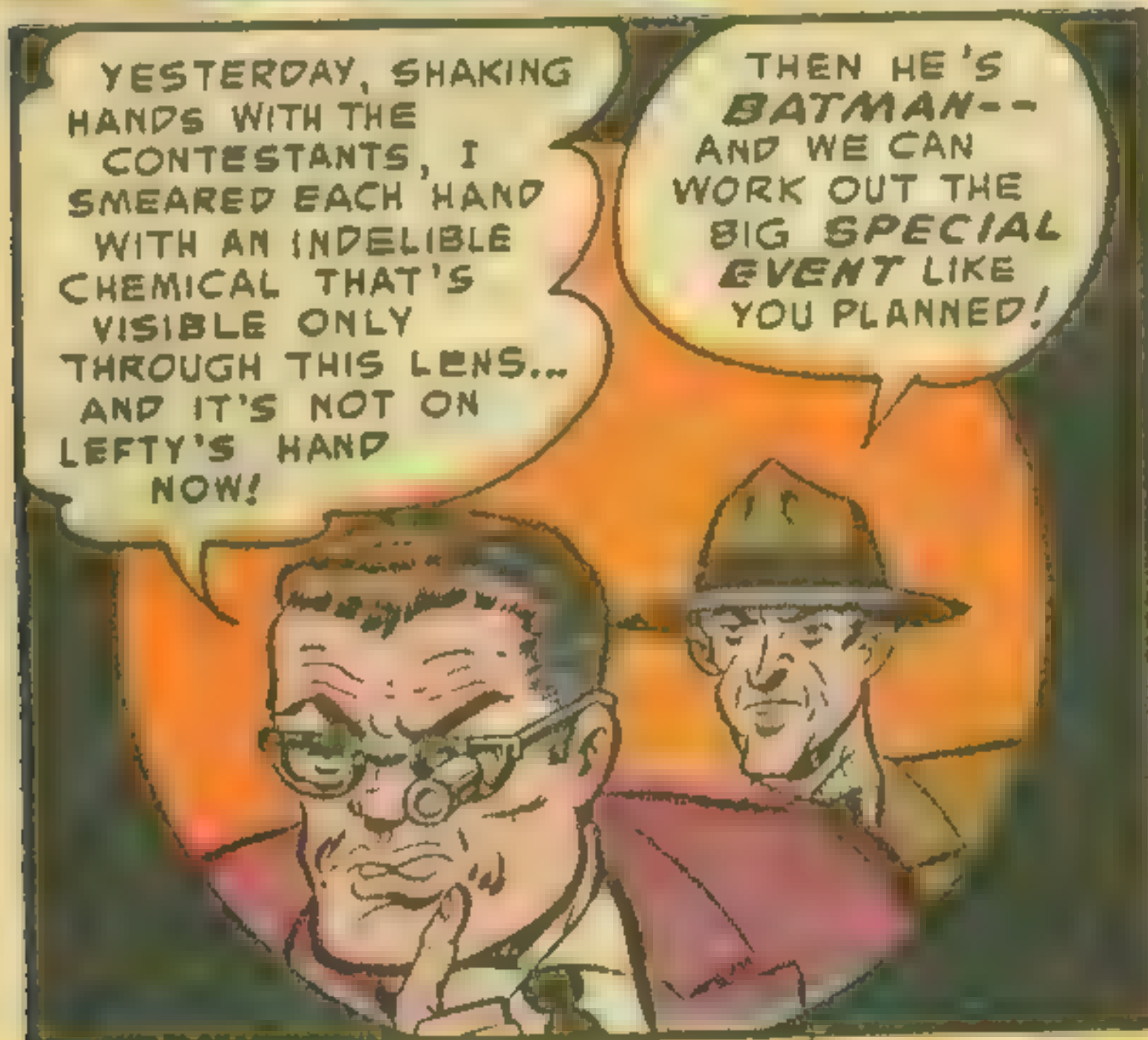
AND HERE'S MINE, IN JEWELRY!

NOT SO FAST! I HAVE TO INSPECT THE STUFF, TO MAKE SURE IT'S NOT PHONY! BUT THIS IS ALL OKAY!



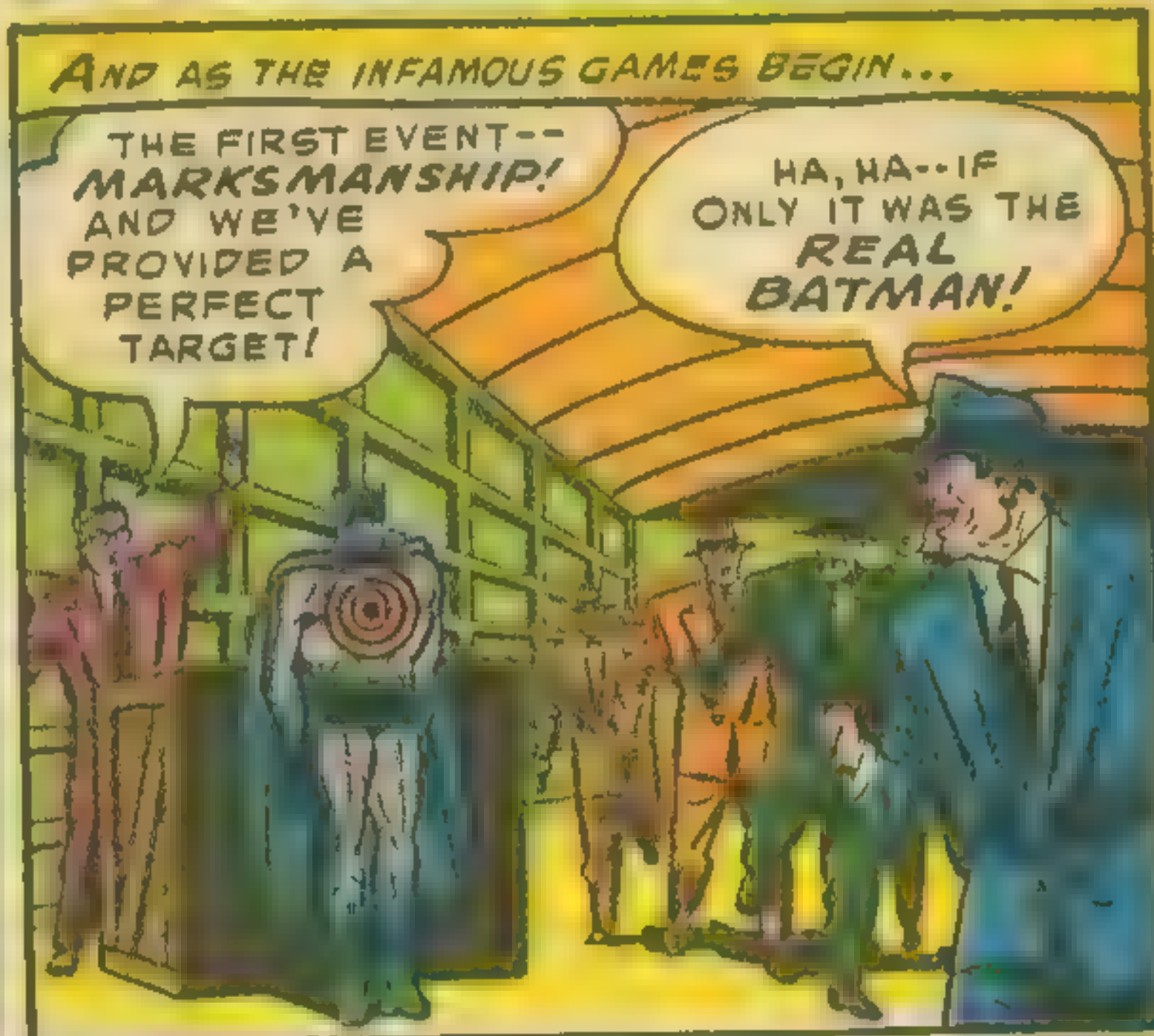
PSST, HOWIE... THAT'S NOT THE **REAL** LEFTY LANNING, SO HE MUST BE **BATMAN** IN DISGUISE! I WAS SURE HE'D TRY TO CRASH INTO OUR OLYMPICS THIS WAY!

HUH? HOW CAN YOU TELL HE'S NOT THE REAL LEFTY?



YESTERDAY, SHAKING HANDS WITH THE CONTESTANTS, I SMEARED EACH HAND WITH AN INDELIBLE CHEMICAL THAT'S VISIBLE ONLY THROUGH THIS LENS... AND IT'S NOT ON LEFTY'S HAND NOW!

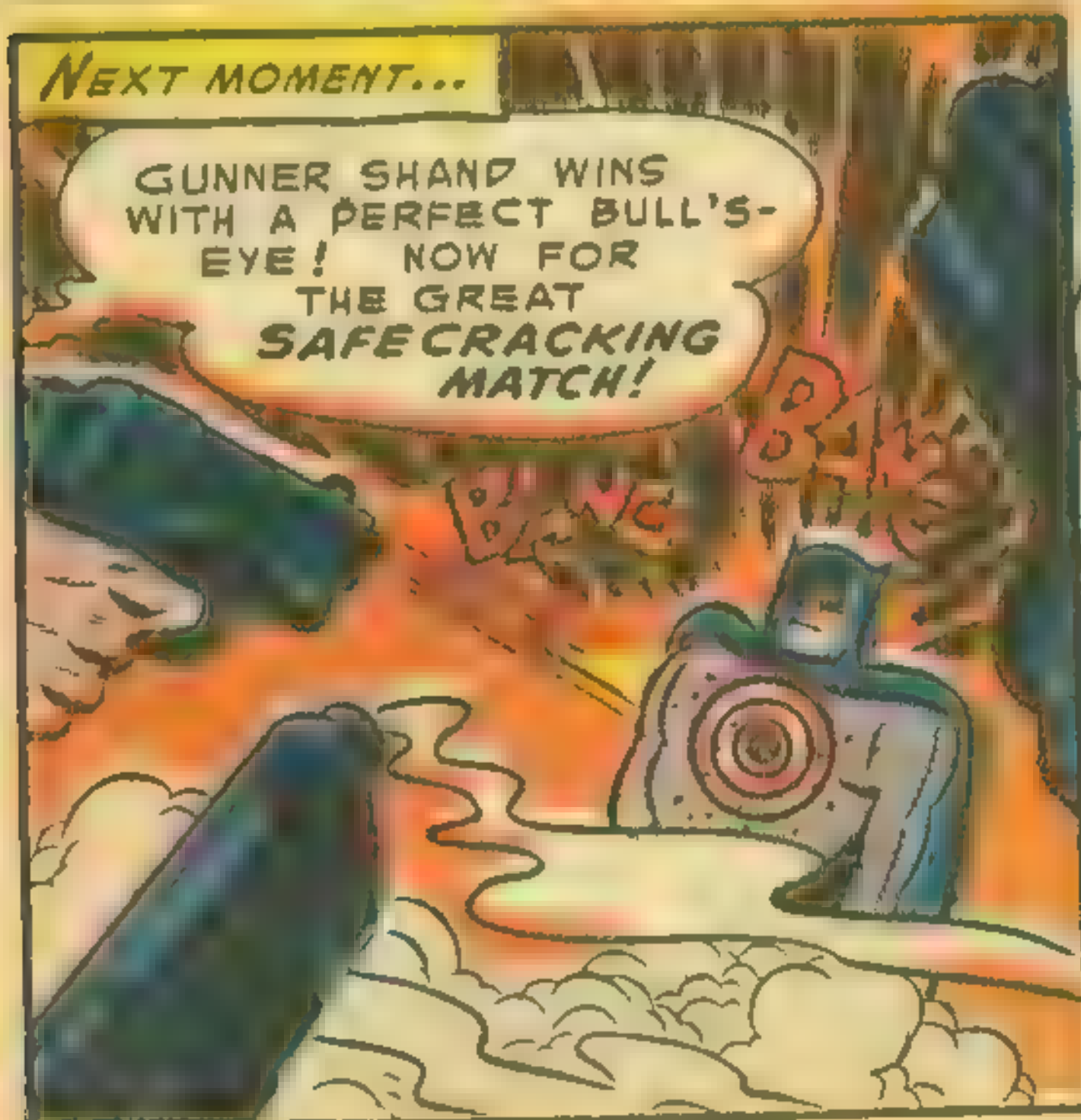
THEN HE'S **BATMAN**-- AND WE CAN WORK OUT THE BIG **SPECIAL EVENT** LIKE YOU PLANNED!



AND AS THE INFAMOUS GAMES BEGIN...

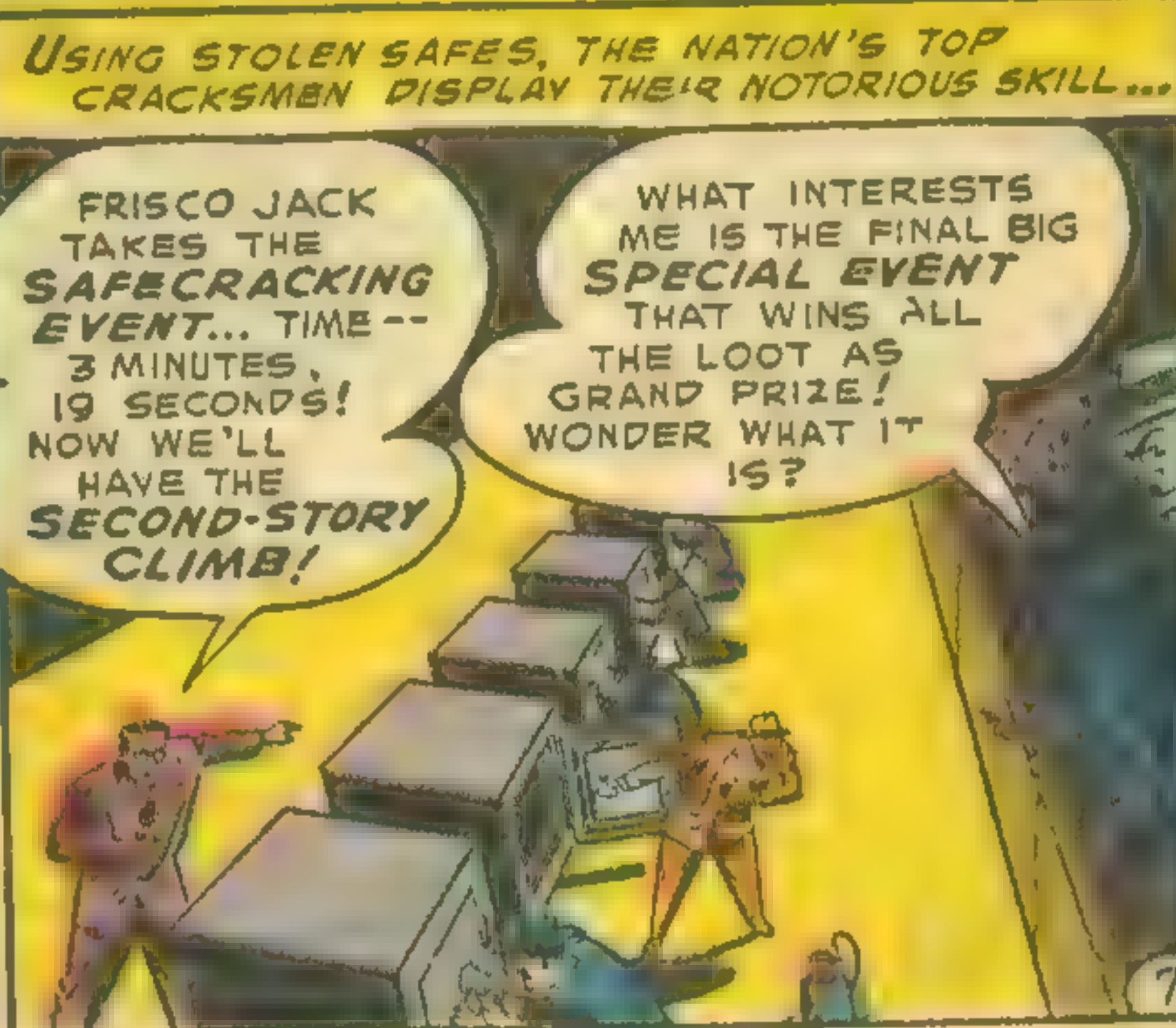
THE FIRST EVENT-- **MARKSMANSHIP!** AND WE'VE PROVIDED A PERFECT TARGET!

HA, HA-- IF ONLY IT WAS THE **REAL BATMAN!**



NEXT MOMENT...

GUNNER SHAND WINS WITH A PERFECT BULL'S-EYE! NOW FOR THE GREAT **SAFECRACKING MATCH!**



USING STOLEN SAFES, THE NATION'S TOP CRACKSMEN DISPLAY THEIR NOTORIOUS SKILL...

FRISCO JACK TAKES THE **SAFECRACKING EVENT**... TIME-- 3 MINUTES, 19 SECONDS! NOW WE'LL HAVE THE **SECOND-STORY CLIMB!**

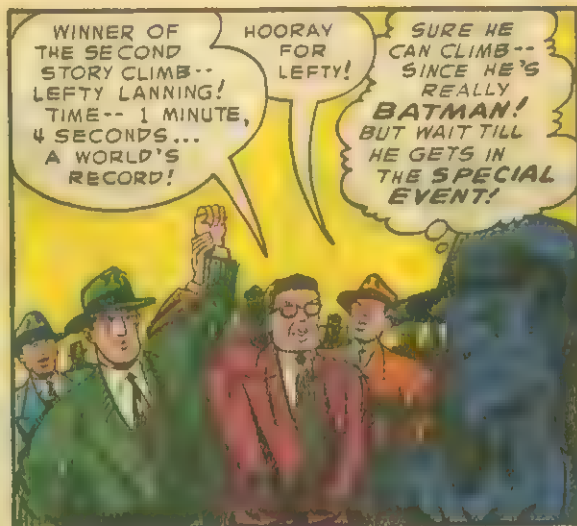
WHAT INTERESTS ME IS THE FINAL BIG **SPECIAL EVENT** THAT WINS ALL THE LOOT AS GRAND PRIZE! WONDER WHAT IT IS?



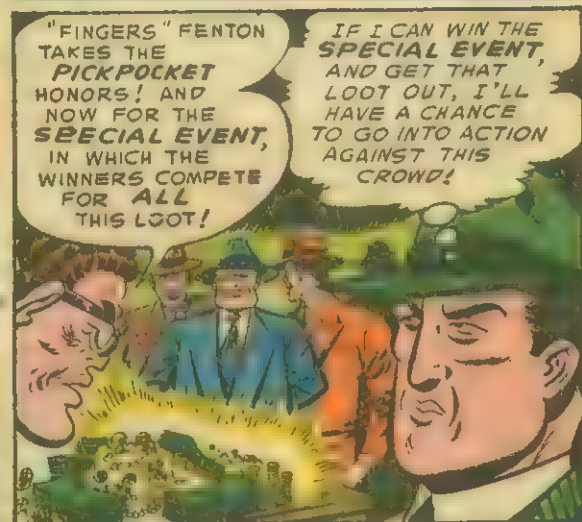
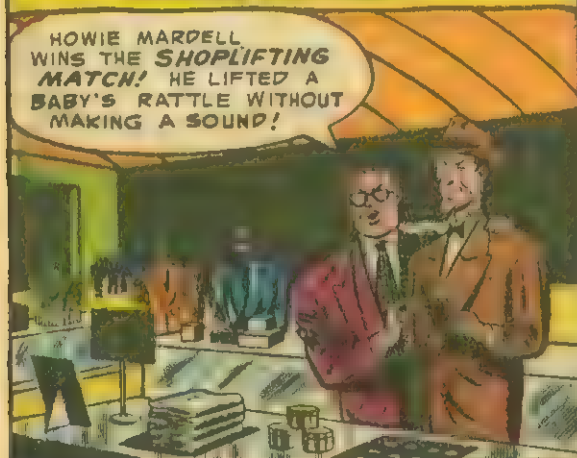
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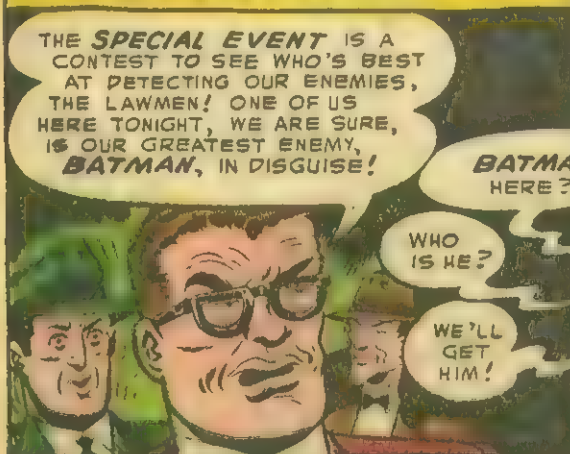
IT'S IRONIC INDEED WHEN **BATMAN** COMPETES WITH THE WORLD'S BEST SECOND-STORY MEN...



AND AS THE INCREDIBLE UNDERWORLD OLYMPICS CONTINUES...



BUT THE MYSTERIOUS **SPECIAL EVENT** IS AS STUNNING A SURPRISE TO **BATMAN** AS IT IS TO THE CROWD...

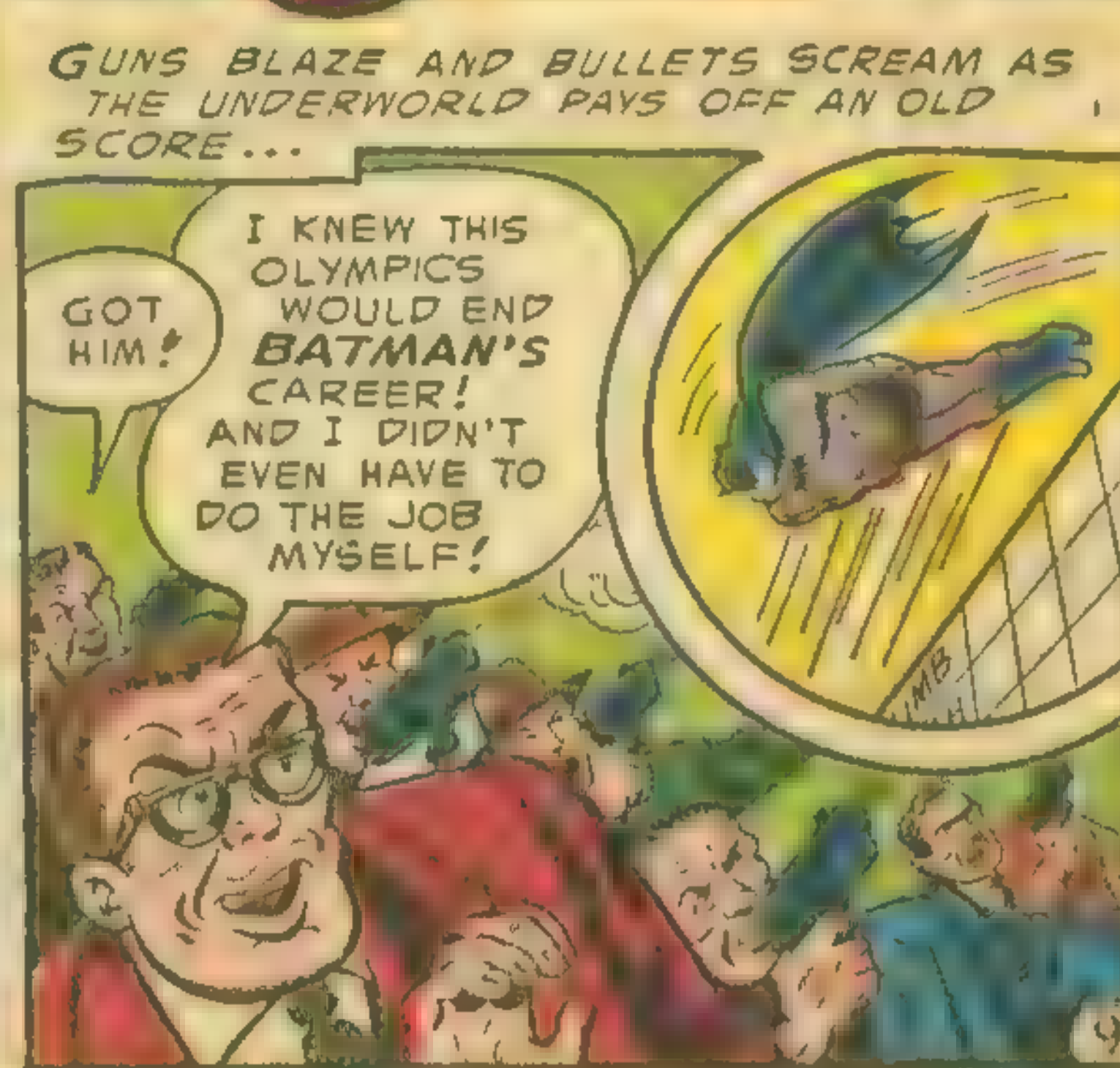
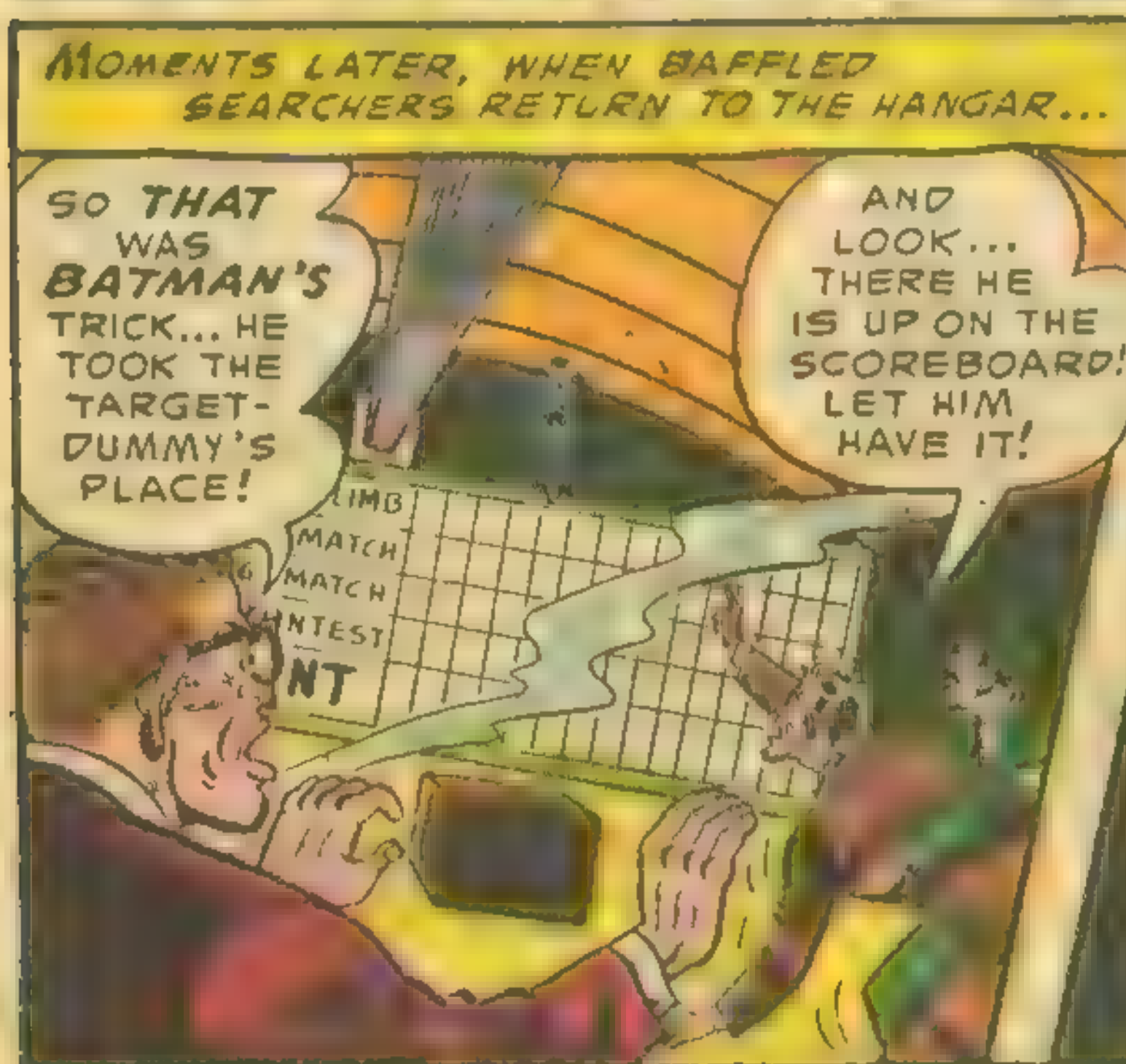
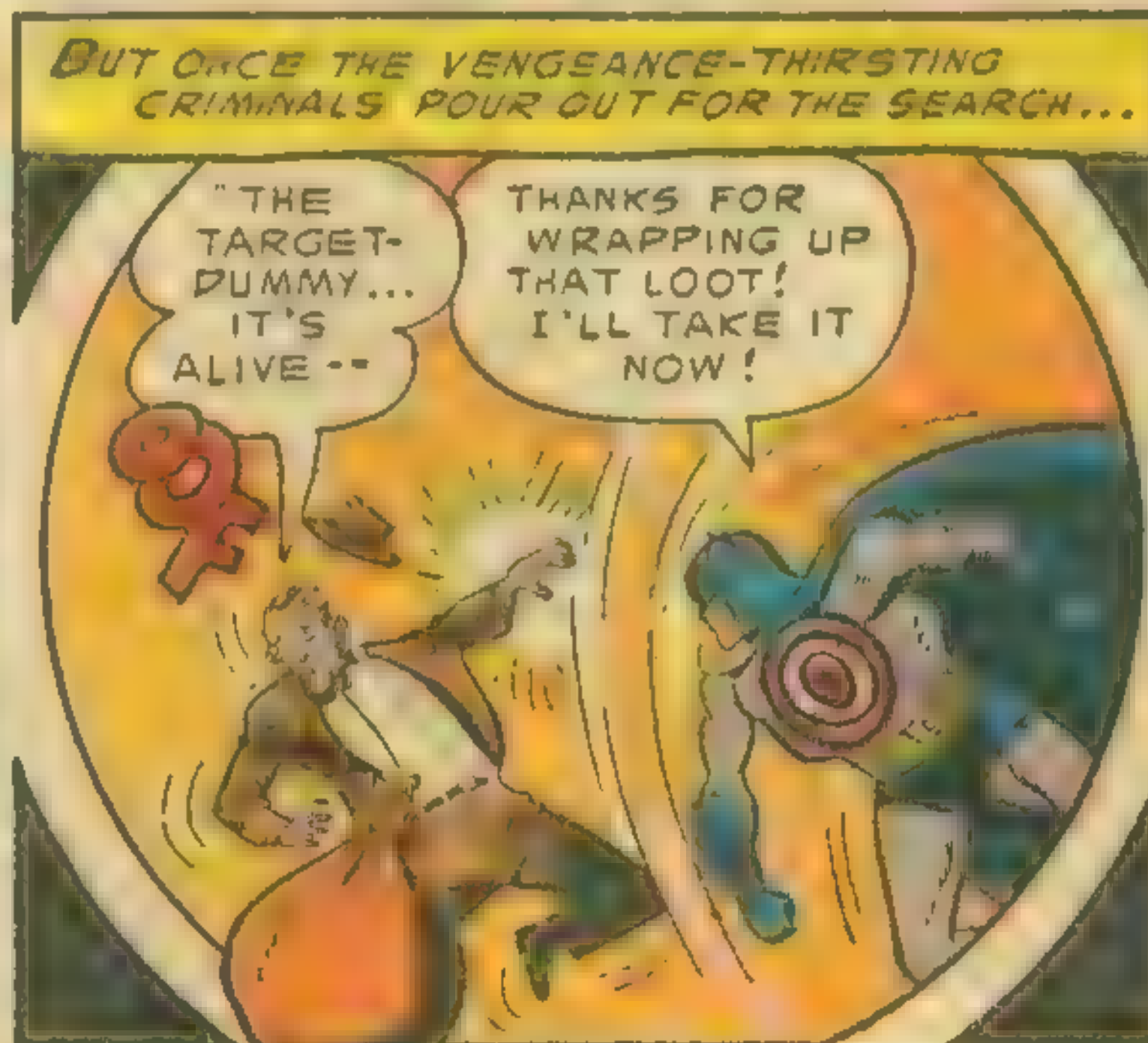
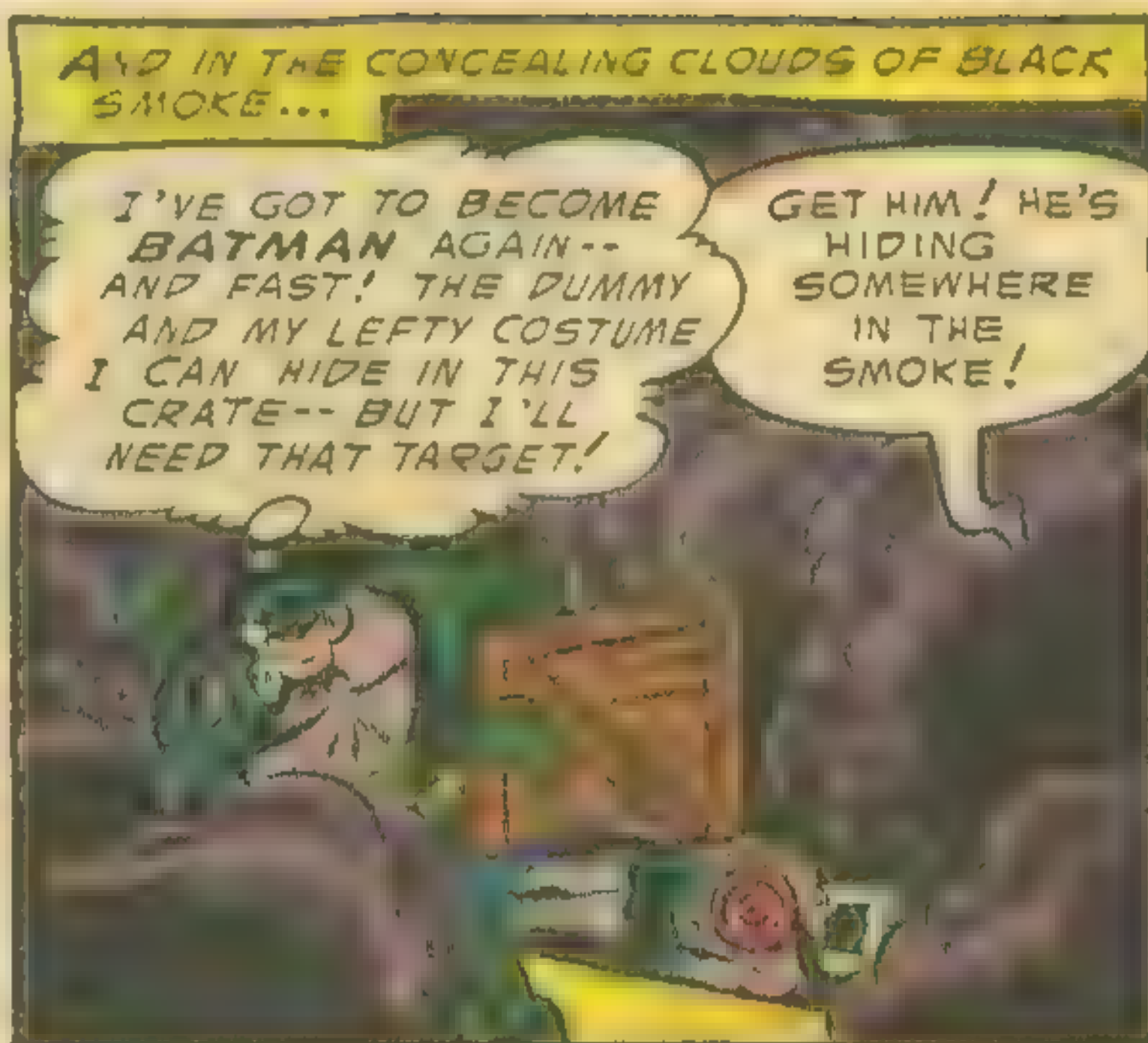




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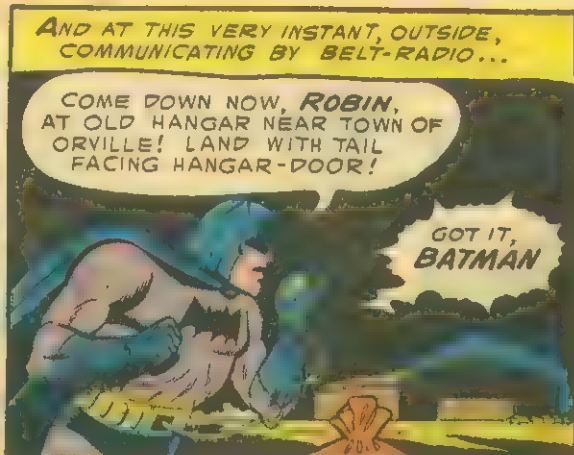
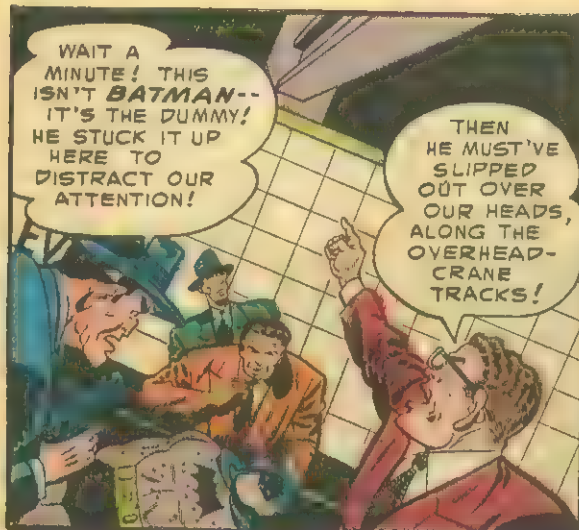


A TENSE SILENCE, AS THE HUNT FOR **BATMAN** BEGINS, FOLLOWED BY A TRIUMPHANT SHOUT...

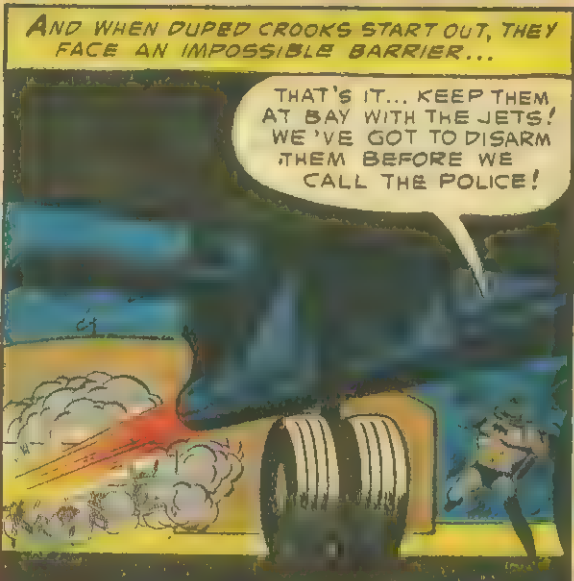
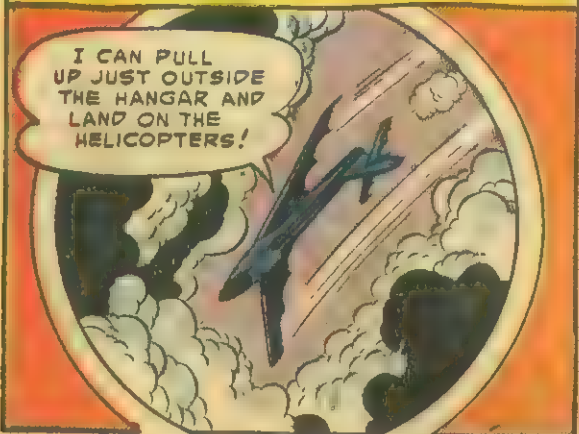




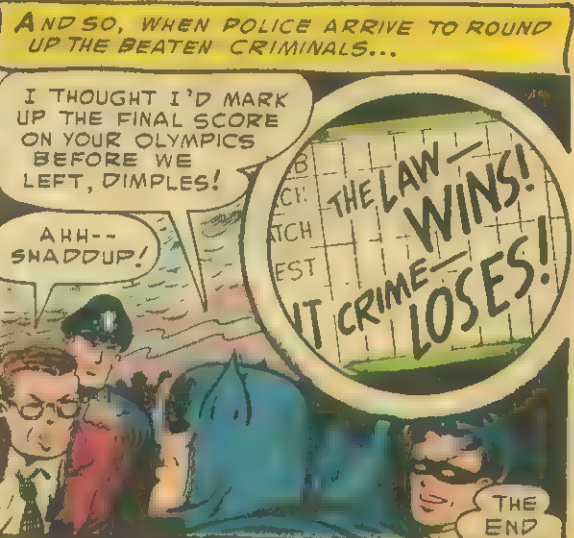
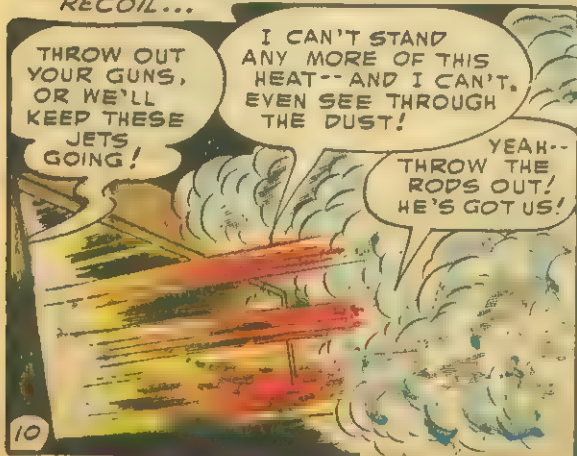
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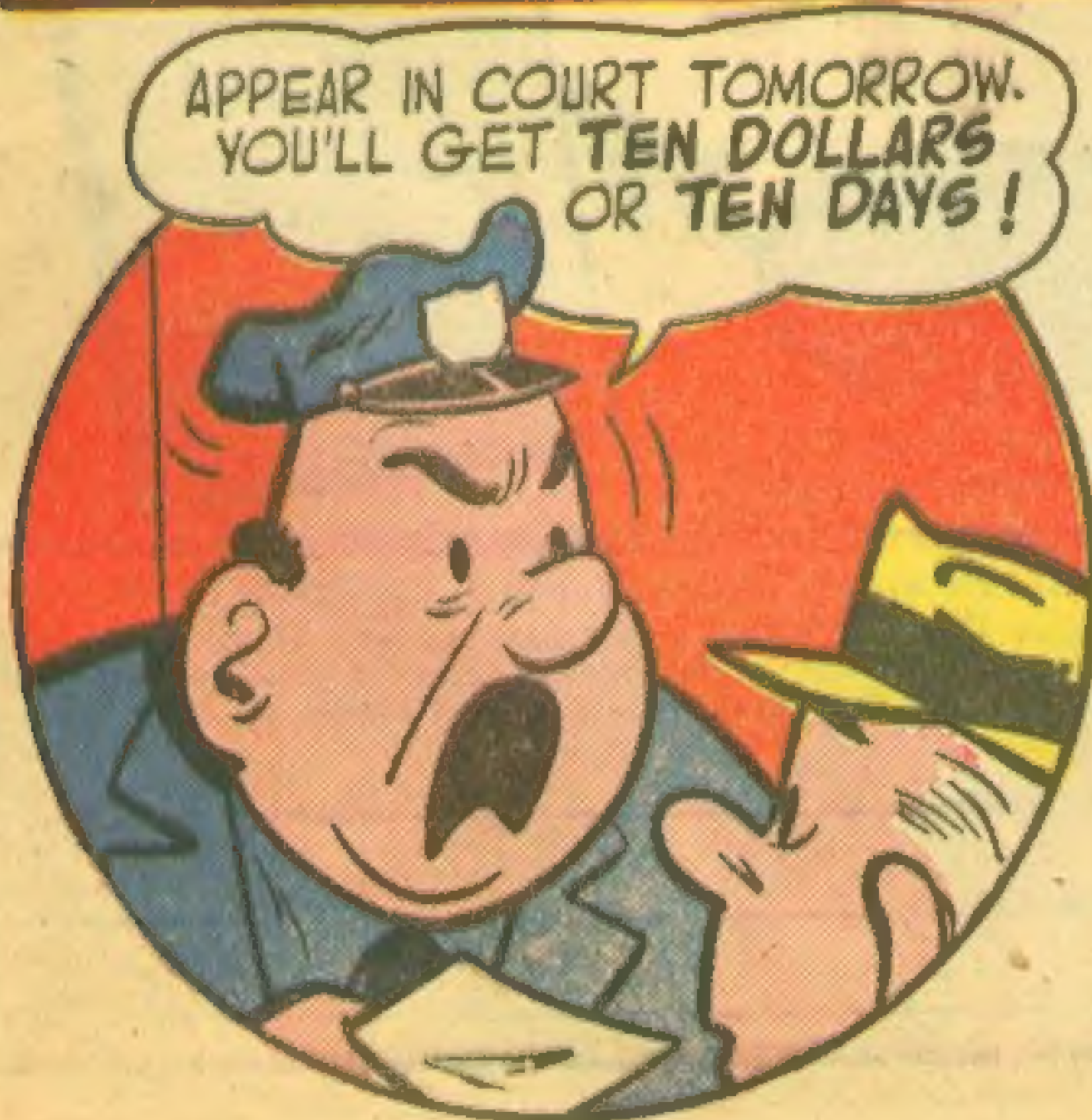
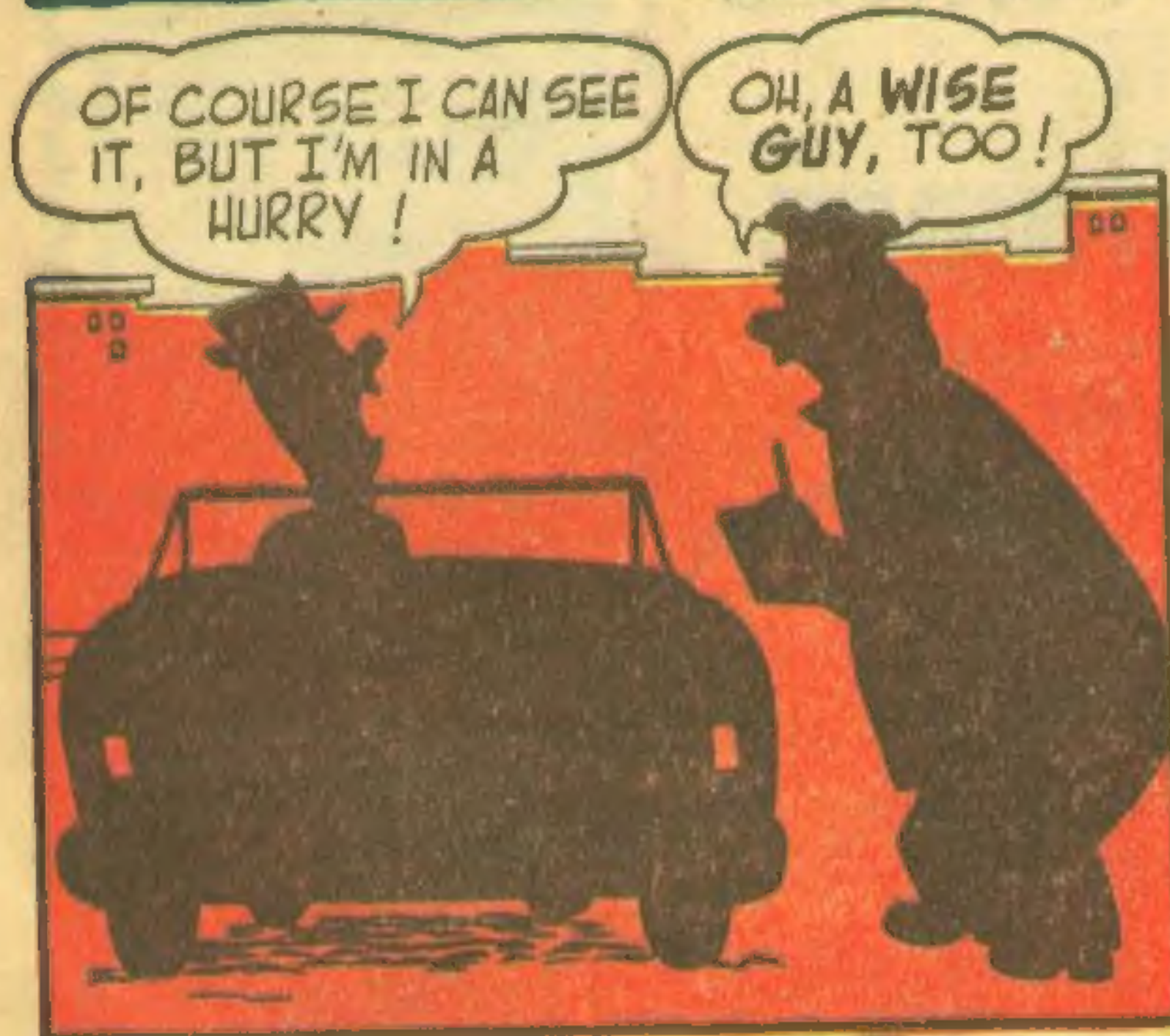
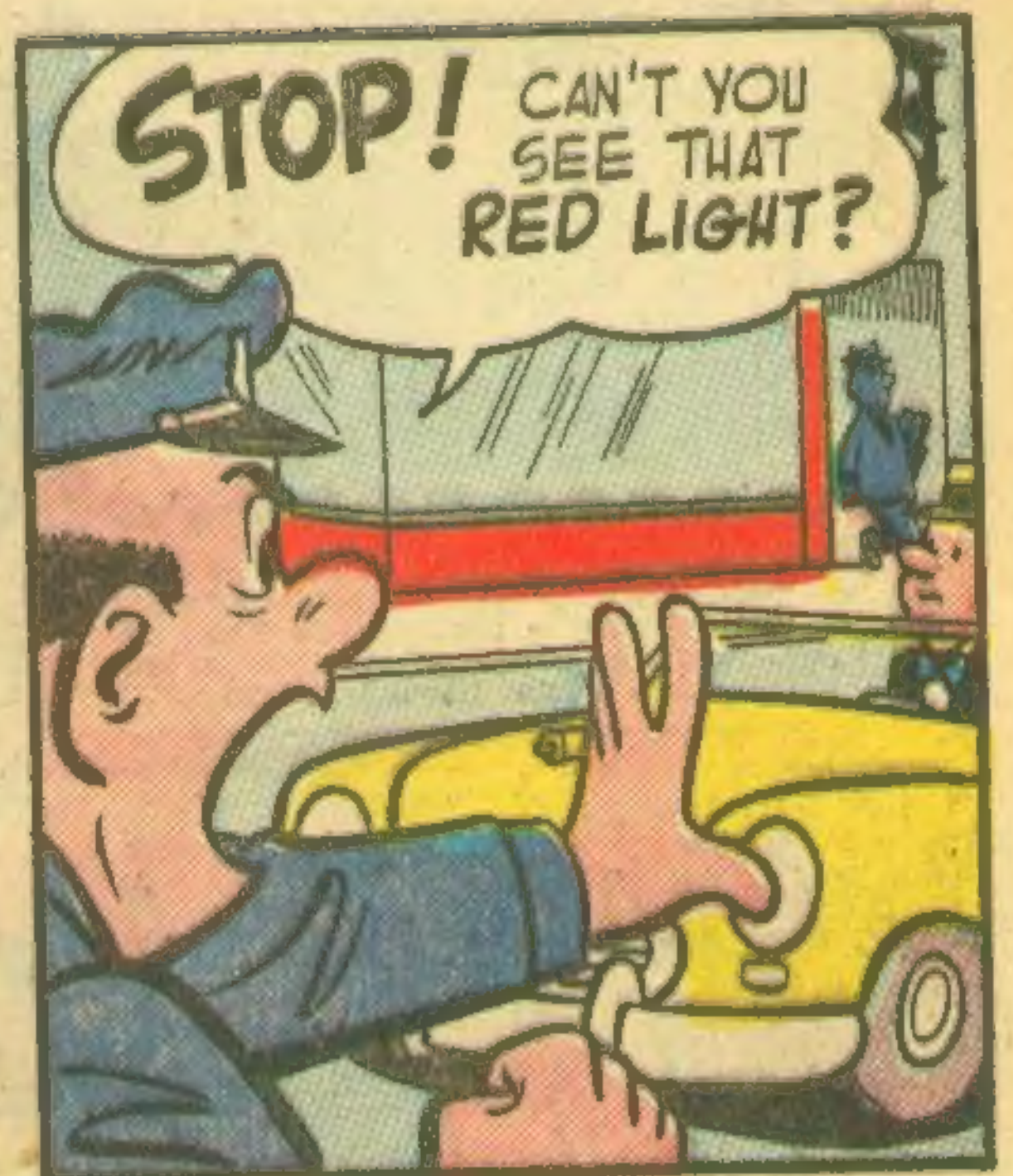
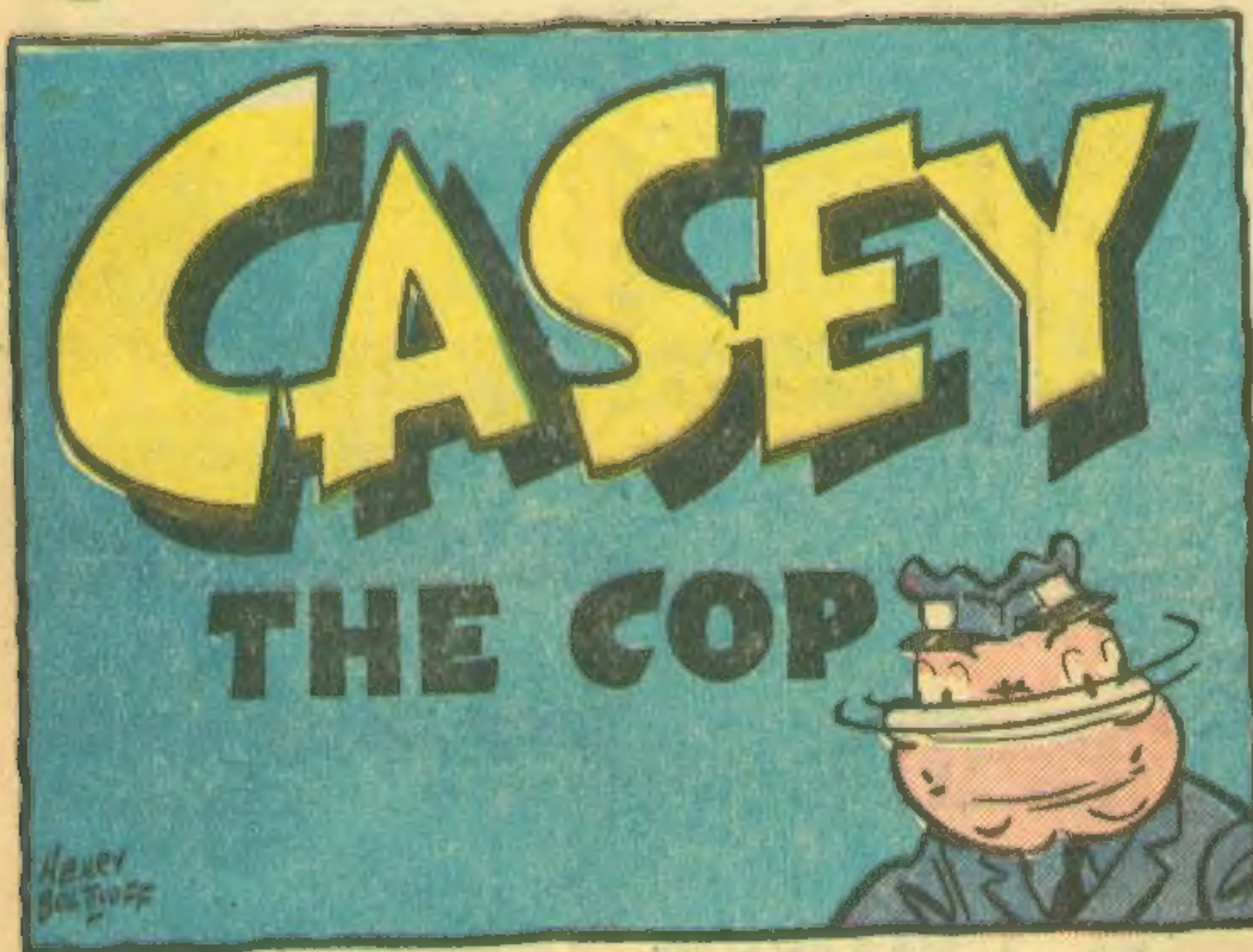


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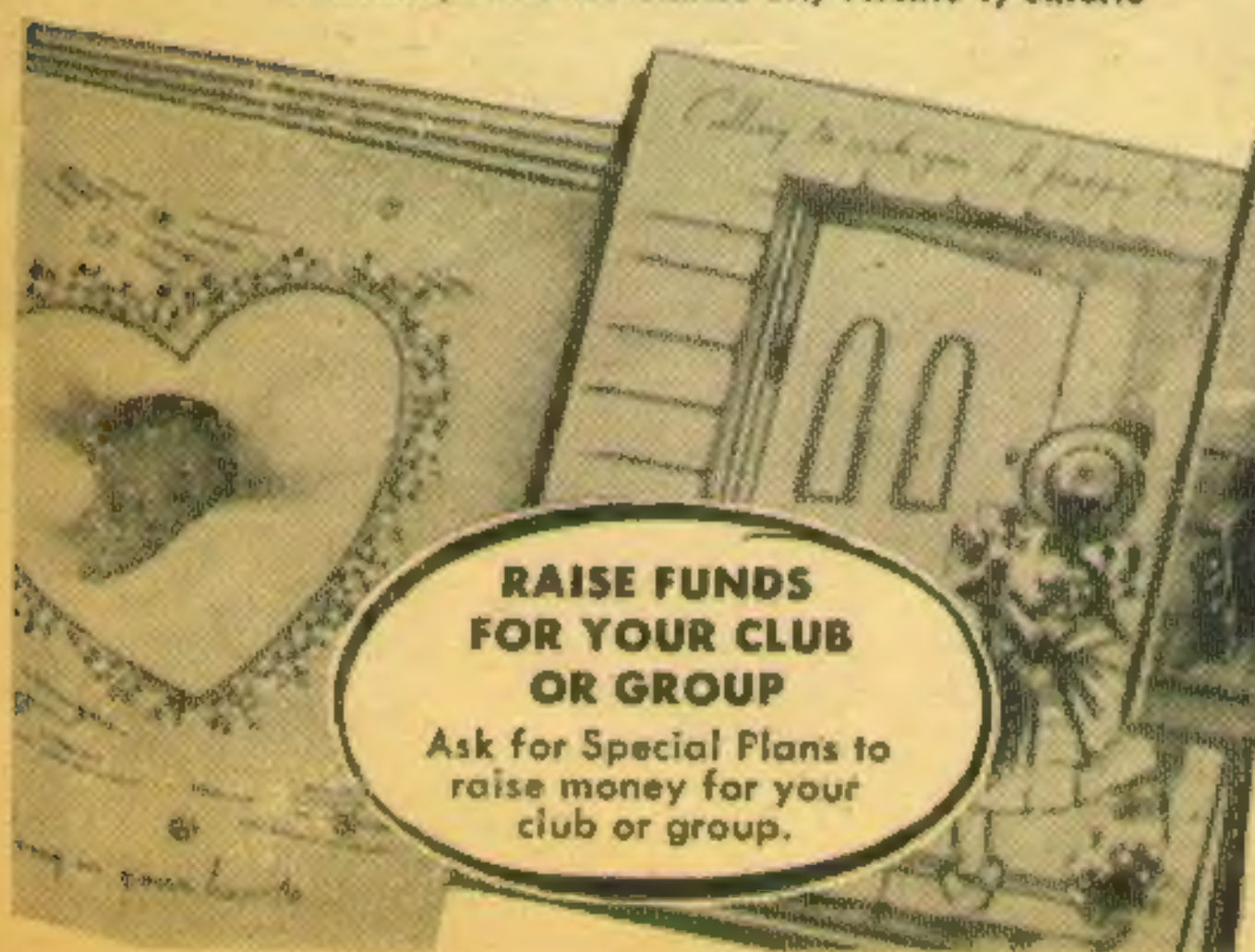
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